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## THE TRIALS OF CECELIA DIXON

# The warehouse

In 1969 or thereabouts, I took a stock boy's job in the Saks Fifth Avenue warehouse down by the East River, about seven New York City blocks from the anchor store on Fifth Avenue.

I was between engagements, so to speak, having recently suffered a personal reversal so cataclysmic it was like an emigration, landing me in stunned exile on a foreign shore. The Saks job, one of thousands of narrow opportunities noticed each day in small print in the *Daily News* and *Post*, was an easy handhold against the next tide.

While only seven blocks separated the warehouse from "the store," it might have been leagues. The warehouse was a red-brick bruiser with a supporting cast of many men in dirty jeans, a few women in dirty jeans, a couple of executives who were punching their tickets for the next move up, and Eddie the gray-uniformed security guard, who seemed to be absorbed always in the racing form but nonetheless managed at least once a week to nail someone who was punching out with a silk dressing gown wrapped around his chest beneath his shirt. The building was six floors high, its wood floors supporting miles of steel shelving and mountain ranges of cartons. The soot-covered windows that weren't obscured by cartons looked out at other soot covered windows and tar roofs.

The store, by contrast, was plush, scented, quiet: a terminus. It offered a view of nothing—not Fifth Avenue, not the spires of St. Patrick's, not the bright sky—but gazed inward quietly, day and night. There were no cash registers, no ca-ching commercial noises, on the sales floors; sales were written up with pen on paper, and brass pneumatic tubes whisked cash, coin, slips and credit cards away to a hidden room and returned change and receipts. As the self-regarding marketing slogan of the time had it, the store was "Very SFA."

I worked in mail-order "furnishings" on a four-man team. Nick from Queens was in his early thirties, twice married, with two children and feverish dreams of owning a Playboy Club key. Luis was a middle-aged Puerto Rican with the self-defensive dignity of a small-town shopkeeper. Shy about his English, he seldom spoke, but he laughed well and could draw from life skillfully and quickly, a gift he exhibited nearly every lunch hour when he sketched pencil portraits of fellow workers on pieces of carton and wrapping paper. Shelby was 18, a black kid from Minneapolis. Soft-

spoken, religious, moon-faced, funny, generous, quick, he had come to New York City to visit an aunt, had met a girl unlike any girl he'd known in Minnesota, and was staying on. Together we spent our days boxing and wrapping lamp shades, bedding and maple bedside valets on which to hang your suit jacket, trousers, bow tie and cuff links until it was time to go to the charity fund-raiser at the Plaza. It was Shelby who pointed out to us one day a fact of which we were all aware and yet unaware: that no man ever ordered a bedside valet.

Broadly speaking, there are two kinds of lives: the life you build because you've imagined it for yourself, and the one you build because you are unable to imagine anything else. You may have all of Nick's restiveness, Luis's talent or Shelby's brains. It does you no good if you can't imagine that you were born for something other than the warehouse, if you can't imagine that you, too—in your dirty jeans, in your dumbfounded exile, in your dark skin—are an anesthesiologist, a landscape architect, a buyer at the main store.

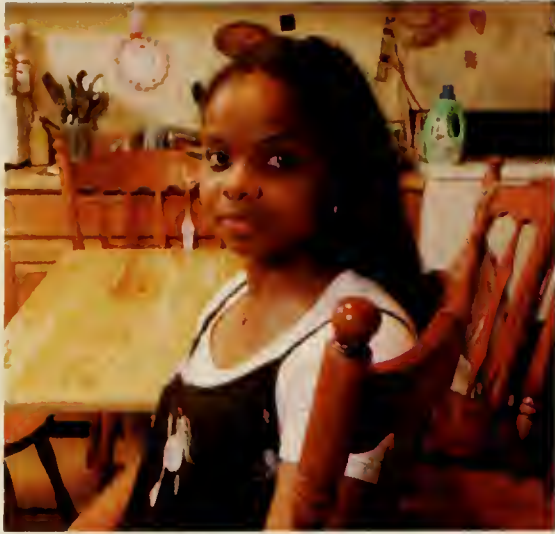
I stayed at the warehouse about six months. Then I went away to take up a college degree part-time. I wasn't sure why—what college would do for me—but I had begun to imagine that I was a writer and I thought it might be important to learn what writers did.

A couple of months later I got together with Shelby one evening at a bar on First Avenue just down the street from the warehouse. Stock boys worked in pairs (it was supposed to discourage pilferage), and Shelby had been my partner. Over a beer he caught me up on gossip: two guys caught smoking dope on the sixth floor, a fistfight on the loading dock, Nick's new wife walking out when she learned he'd made a pass at her younger sister. We laughed. Nick had often made us laugh. Then Shelby told me the draft was after him and he was thinking of seeking a deferment by marrying his girlfriend. She had a child, and he could claim the little girl as a dependent. I told him that it would be easier to get a deferment by going to college and in time he could even get a degree. He shook his head slowly, ruefully, like an old man remembering his life. "I don't know," he said.

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LINDEN LANE LOGO BY ANTHONY RUSSO

## CROSS FIRE

Charles R. Morris's provocative article "Cross purposes" [Spring 1998] nails down the Church's dilemma: How does a hierarchical organization whose mission includes moral, sacramental and theological leadership flourish within a society that is increasingly pluralistic and egalitarian?

In my view, the Church's problem is its propensity to blend with the prevailing orthodoxy: yesterday the monarchies, today our "non-denominational" society. We laicize the clergy's garments. We eliminate Latin. Our music loses hallowed meaning ("*Panes Angelicus*") and we join in singing "America the Beautiful." Church icons slowly vanish. The Church resembles a conference room, a hall, whatever resonates with popular taste. The crucifix, minuscule and modern, is hard to find or recognize. Profane space expands; sacred space contracts.

We place clergy on lay committees to discuss Church doctrine and finances, then wonder why few will surrender family and freedom to be this person in a shirt and tie we call priest.

We sanitize our sermons. We mandate nothing—not Church service, nor feast days, nor fast, nor penance. Church authority diminishes. We allow universities to retain the name Catholic, yet their theologians may present any doctrine in the marketplace. We honor our Pope as "nice, holy and charming." The circle is closed.

Morris's book *American Catholic* is first on my summer reading list.

GEORGE D. LEMAITRE '55  
*Andover, Massachusetts*

Morris's is a clear and candid assessment of the current turmoil within the Catholic Church. I found his treatment of both conservative and liberal camps to be fair and informative. However he left me wondering what his concept of pluralist democracy comprises. Does it include postfordism, world capitalism and the global culture industries that modern capitalism has generated? If not, Morris falls short in his understanding of the Church's greatest challenges.

The Catholic Church and the free world face the serious weakening of civic democracy by a unrelenting global corporate culture. The consequence of hedonistic consumer materialism and global corporate indifference to higher spiritual values may ultimately compel the Church to a radical, countervailing social-action agenda.

STEPHEN V. RILEY '56  
*Sarasota, Florida*

What Mr. Morris, it appears, does not realize or admit is that the Catholic Church is Catholic. We have a Pope who has received his authority from Jesus Himself, handed down through Peter and his successors. Unfortunately, many do not realize that the Church is not a democracy but teaches the truths so given by Jesus. The truths can never change; they remain constant and those who choose to interpret them as they want and change them according to the times, are themselves the greatest challenge to Catholicism. In essence, these "cafeteria Catholics" are not Catholic at all, because you either accept what the Church teaches—or you don't.

The current structure has to remain the same, and the Holy Father has to be allowed to lead the Church. A ship has to have a strong captain, otherwise it will crash on the rocks. This is especially true now as the Church is going through a difficult period.

FREDERICK H. PAULMANN III '93  
*Harrison, New York*

## GRAFFITUM

One detail in "Tunnel visions" [Spring 1998] caught my eye: the graffiti-covered newsstand on the corner of Kneeland and Hudson streets photographed in June 1901. Amid the etching on the building appears prominently "*ho onos dhippon*" [translation: "a horse's ass"] scratched in properly accented Greek. The artist must have been the imperfect product of a good education, as this pun would never have been made by a modern Greek, only by an English speaker with a polite training (that did not include learning the Aristophanic *ho proktos*) in the classical tongue. I cannot help but take pleasure in the thought of a time that offered even to its vandals an education with which they might lend a classical note to their name-calling. Perhaps the graffiti one encounters in the twilight of this century is more colorful than that scrawled at its dawn, but it is less learned.

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# New ball game

GENDER-EQUITY PLAN ADDS WOMEN'S CREW  
AND SCHOLARSHIPS, CUTS MEN'S VARSITY PROGRAMS



The University will elevate women's rowing from club to varsity status by the 2000-01 academic year.

Boston College has announced a five-year plan to increase opportunities for women to participate in varsity sports. Strategies include adding 47 athletic scholarships for women students and upgrading women's rowing to a varsity sport.

Announcing the plan June 4, Athletic Director Gene DeFilippo said it was the culmination of eight months of

discussion by senior administrators, coaches, faculty and student athletes. The plan will bring the University into compliance with the gender-equity provisions of the federal civil rights law commonly known as Title IX. The changes will equalize men's and women's athletic scholarship aid and will equalize opportunities to participate in varsity sports at BC.

To achieve gender equity, the plan calls not only for increasing athletic opportunities for women but also for downgrading three men's varsity sports to club status. Men's lacrosse, wrestling and water polo will become club sports by the academic year 2002-03. Women's rowing, now a club sport, will be elevated to a varsity program within the next two to three years. BC also will expand the size of some existing women's teams, and will cap the size of some men's programs.

Of the scholarships being added to women's athletics, 38 will be new; nine more will be moved from men's programs to women's programs. Football, men's basketball and men's ice hockey will not be affected.

"I think this is a plan that shows Boston College is committed to a couple of things," said DeFilippo. "Number one, we're committed to providing a great experience for our student athletes, and number two, we're totally committed to providing opportunities for women student athletes.

"At the same time, while we're moving some sports over from varsity to club status, we're doing it over a four-year period, so that the students who are coming in this fall and playing lacrosse, water polo and wrestling will be able to participate at the varsity level through their senior year."

DeFilippo said that when he was interviewing for the job of athletic director last year, University President William P. Leahy, SJ, "made it clear to me that putting into place a gender-equity plan would be a major priority."

The University currently falls well short of meeting the most common litmus test for Title IX compliance, proportional representation, which means that the proportion of women varsity athletes must be equal to or close to the proportion of women in the undergraduate population as a whole. Of BC's 807 varsity athletes, 38 percent are women, and of BC's 212 athletic scholarships, 36 percent are held by women. Women make up 53 percent of the University's undergraduate population.

The strategic plan will raise both the proportion of

women varsity athletes and the proportion of athletic scholarships for women to 50 percent by the academic year 2002-03.

While DeFilippo emphasized that BC is committed to gender equity in athletics and hoped "to take the lead nationally in leveling the playing field," the University was under external pressure to make a move. It is among 25 colleges and universities named in a complaint by the National Women's Law Center, a nonprofit legal advocacy group, which alleges in part that those schools are failing to allocate scholarship dollars to female athletes in proportion to their participation in varsity sports.

The strategic plan will eliminate that disparity. By the time all 47 scholarships are effective, at the beginning of the 2002-03 academic year, BC will have added more than \$1.4 million annually to women's athletics, plus additional funds to expand coaching staffs, recruiting budgets and other areas of team support.

The financial aid packages will make 10 of the current 16 women's varsity programs fully funded, meaning their scholarship allocations will equal the limits set by the NCAA. Currently, no women's sports program at BC is fully funded.

In choosing the men's programs to be moved to club level, DeFilippo said, "we had some very tough decisions to make." A number of factors came into play, he said, including Big East affiliation and the drain on facilities and support staff. The three sports affected—wrestling, lacrosse and water polo—are not Big East sports.

The decision to upgrade women's rowing to the varsity ranks, said DeFilippo, was based on the "tremendous interest" the club team has generated among students; rowing's strong New England traditions, with many regional competitors; and the fact that rowing's large complement of athletes—BC is estimating a roster of about 70—helps the University offset the size of the football team in its effort to achieve gender equity.

DeFilippo said the strategic plan also addresses a problem within athletics of overtaxed support staff and facilities, by reducing the overall number of varsity programs to 31—14 men's and 17 women's teams.

"Having 33 varsity sports places a tremendous burden on the weight-room staff, the training staff, the compliance staff," he said. "We needed to relieve some of that burden."

*John Ombelets*

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# A grand inquisition

## ADVENTURES IN DOMESDAY

The 888 parchment leaves of *Domesday Book*—*Great Domesday Book* and its appendix, *Little Domesday Book*—are the oldest public record in England: a numbingly quotidian listing of every swine, cow, castrated sheep, mill, fishery, eel-render, salmon-render, hut, castle and slave on every farm in England in the year 1086, 20 years into the reign of William the Conqueror. To avoid skirmishes over property disputes and to consolidate his own holdings, King William had undertaken to pin down the ownership of everything countable in England. Properties are listed as they were owned before and after 1066: either “TRE,” *Tempore regis Eadwardi*, in the reign of Edward the Confessor, or “TRW,” *Tempore regis Willelmi*, in the reign of William.

Medieval scholars, trained in the study of charters or chronicles, have typically avoided *Domesday Book*, and when they do approach the survey, it has been, as one historian put it, “with the air of one requested to defuse an explosive device.” Picking and choosing their way among the swine and the sheep, medievalists have not made systematic use of the legal information embedded in the survey, and as a result, academics have treated English law as beginning in the 12th century.

In her new book, *Domesday Book and the Law*, Professor Robin Fleming of BC’s History Department has done nothing less than, in her own self-mocking words, “de-swine” *Domesday Book*. Scattered among *Domesday*’s lists are thousands of narratives of giving and taking—the record of the immense transfer of power that took place after the Battle of Hastings, when 25,000 to 30,000 farms in England changed hands over a 20-year period. The workings of power have always fascinated Fleming, a medievalist who studies the way society regulates itself through law. Reading *Domesday* as a legal text, she finds among its obscure details a window on a defining moment in the formation of English law.

*Domesday Book*, for all its iconic glamour, is simply the written record of information gleaned through a much more



The first page from the inquest at Oxfordshire. *Domesday* was not originally a bound volume but a collection of local reports.

remarkable feat: an oral inquest that took place simultaneously over all the 32 shires of England in the course of a mere 10 months. Seven to eight thousand men streamed into assemblies that represented the various political divisions of England: the hundred (a division like a modern U.S. county), the borough (the chief town of the shire), the shire (an English county, analogous to a U.S. state) and the splendidly Anglo-Saxon “wapentake moot,” an assembly of the freemen of the wapentake, the historical name for the hundred in some northern shires. (The word “wapentake” derived from “weapon-taking,” since the voters brought weapons to the assembly.) Women did not speak at the Domesday inquest; Edith the Nun’s is the only woman’s testimony given, and hers appears only in written form. The various types of men who gave testimony evoke the profoundly hierarchical and socially delineated society of the Middle Ages: lords, barons, earls, sheriffs, reeves (local bailiffs or stewards of a manor), villeins (peasants), thanes (garden-variety aristocrats), sokemen (high-status peasants ranking between a villein and a thane), priests, abbots, monks, bishops, freemen and slaves. This “great noisy assembly” lies at the heart of Fleming’s book, reminding readers that in the 11th century a man’s word far outweighed the written word.

Again and again in the disputes over property that *Domesday Book* records, the evidence is the word of men, their sworn knowledge and memories of the matter at hand. Claimants seldom have recourse to written documents; and, when proffered, documents seem gratuitous rather than essential, with the exception of the king’s writs. Private documents, suggests Fleming, appear to have served primarily as social markers, the ability to write being rare and parchment being expensive. (To make the 413 leaves of *Great Domesday Book*, between 500 and 1,000 sheep died.) Similarly, the aristocratic bearers of seals wore them as pendants or brooches, leading Fleming to speculate that private charters



and all their accoutrements may have been a bit like Rolex watches today, which do in fact tell the time, but broadcast something about the wearer as well.

The Domesday inquest's reliance on what jurors had heard or seen suggests a "lived quality" to the law that arose from what Fleming notes was a long-standing English tradition of "relying on human memory and public witness." A typical Domesday entry is understated, succinct, brimming with stories untold:

In the time of King Edward, Esger [the Staller] held two and a half hides [an amount of land held adequate for one free family and its dependents] and fifteen acres of land in Leighs. Now W. holds it from Geoffrey de Mandeville [Esger's successor]. Esger gave this manor to [Earl] Harold, and Harold then gave it to Skalpi, his housecarl. Skalpi then gave it to his wife in dower, in the sight of two men—Roger the Marshal and an Englishman. The hundred testifies that they heard these men acknowledge Skalpi. Skalpi himself held it after King William came into this land, until he went to York, where he died in outlawry. (#1951)

Eleventh-century English life was brutally public: Jurors knew all about the lives of the men whose cases they heard. Morality was visible, colorful, tangible as cloth. You were introduced to Robert the Lascivious or Roger God-Save-the-Ladies (neighbors in Essex, by the way), and you knew right where you stood. You claimed to tell the truth and you touched a bar of heated iron or were doused with boiling water to prove your claim. You swore an oath and you placed your hands on holy relics, housed in jeweled caskets of gold, to link your word with the Word of God (in the form, perhaps, of a piece of the true cross, or a fragment of Christ's tooth). But while the penalties of perjury were so severe that the incentive for truth may have been much greater than today, so, too, did the lack of anonymity and the insularity of medieval life create enormous conflicts of interest for jurors. Domesday jurors—who testified and rendered judgment (somewhat like a grand jury)—often gave evidence on claims affecting the lords whom they served, potentially pitting their loyalty (and survival) against the demands of the truth.

The terse, neutral case histories of *Domesday Book* hide a teeming world of scoundrels and bullies, some of whom turn up with enough regularity to become major characters in the Domesday drama. Picot the Sheriff, one of the worst offenders, was one of four lords who controlled two-thirds of all the Domesday-inquest jurors whose lords are known. The author of the cartulary of Ely Abbey—an abbot, no less—referred to Picot the Sheriff as "a filthy pig." Another recurring villain (as opposed to villein) in *Domesday Book* was Odo, the Bishop of Bayeux (not incidentally half-brother to King William), a bully who took property ruthlessly. As a churchman Odo was not allowed to carry a sword and there-

by draw blood; he is pictured in the Bayeux tapestry, which chronicles the events of the Conquest, wielding a club as big as a baseball bat. Odo shows up in scores of legal complaints in *Domesday Book* because he had the bad luck to be in prison during much of the inquest, freeing those he had wronged to speak up.

To peruse *Domesday Book*'s 3,217 legal references, which Fleming has numbered and translated from the Latin, and which form the largest section of her book, is to confront the poverty of modern English, especially next to the tongue-thick nouns of Anglo-Saxon English and the sonorous alliteration of a more coherent time: "In the time of King Edward, Beorhtwine held seven and a half hides there. Archbishop Ealdraed had the sake and soke, and toll and team, and churchscot, and all other forfeitures from this land. . . ." (#1567) In seeming response, Fleming's own crisp and lively prose sometimes takes on alliterative patterns; she describes sheriffs and royal farmers who testified in the inquest as "fighting to reestablish regalian rights or regain berewicks, men, and minor tenancies. . . ."

*Domesday Book*'s legal histories are also a reminder that the poor will always be with us, the powerful will always prevail, and some things never change. Although the 11th-century world attached greater significance to some things than the 20th—pigs, salt, a man's word, God, come to mind—it was also a world that is surprisingly familiar. Blue laws obtain: "If a merchant coming to Chester with a bale of goods should break it open without permission of the Bishop's official between nones on Saturday and Monday, or on any other feast day, the bishop has 4s. as a forfeiture." (#275) And a kind of primitive FDA holds sway: ". . . anyone making bad beer was either put on a privy-stool or gave the reeves 4s." (#268)

The same common wisdom that today asserts that nothing is inevitable save death and taxes engendered the bitter moniker "Domesday Book," so named, according to a 13th-century English historian, "because like the Day of Judgment, it spares no one." But for a modern reader, what inspires awe is not just *Domesday*'s meticulous listing of who owned what. The 11th-century world recorded in *Domesday* is, for better and worse, a more static world than the one we inhabit today. Social and economic identity were undoubtedly less fluid in the feudal system—once Tovi the Housecarl, always Tovi the Housecarl—but was moral identity similarly set in stone? If Roger the Lascivious mended his ways, might his name also change? "Seen" and "heard" in the village, could he reinvent himself, like some Chuck Colson after Watergate? Were medieval men's memories longer than ours? What is the place of memory in a culture of videotape? At the end of the second millennium, what weight has a man's word?

Clare M. Dunsford



# MATTER OF COURSES

## A&S launches a departmental minors program

Adopting a change long and loudly advocated by undergraduates and their elected leaders in student government, the College of Arts and Sciences will introduce departmental minors this fall, with nine disciplines receiving approval and several more under consideration.

Previously, students could broaden the focus of their studies only by adopting a second major—a strategy that left little room or time for electives—or by choosing from the offerings of the A&S Interdisciplinary Minors Program, such as American studies or medieval studies. Dean Bell '98, who as student government president

campaigning for the creation of minors programs in A&S, said that “students want to study in two fields because they’re interested in multiple subjects or because they want to incorporate two fields in their career plans.” Bell, for example, majored in accounting and also studied Spanish because he is considering a career in international business. He said that students who tried to double major often felt compelled to pursue “thin” majors to allow time for both efforts. A minors program, Bell said, will allow students to focus on major areas of study, while simultaneously developing a comprehensive grounding in a minor area.

A&S Associate Dean Carol Hurd Green said student interest was a large factor in the college’s decision. “Students have said they want their selection of elective courses to indicate a coherent theme, one that complements their major in some way,” she said. “Furthermore, they want their transcripts to reflect those choices.”

According to guidelines, a minor program must be directed by a department member and consist of six or seven courses. Minors have so far been approved in chemistry, computer science, economics, fine arts, geology and geophysics, history, mathematics, philosophy and theology.



GARY W. GILBERT

### IMPRESARIO

Paul C. Doherty, an associate professor of English, has been named director of BC’s Lowell Lectures Humanities Series, succeeding Francis Sweeney, SJ, who has run the venerable lecture program for 41 years. “It has been a lustrous run,” said Doherty of the Sweeney-led program that bridged W. H. Auden and Robert Pinsky, Evelyn Waugh and Annie Dillard. Doherty added that he will be reading widely and listening to speakers in search of candidates for the series. “I’m loath to assert too much at the beginning,” he said. “Rather than make grandiose claims, I’d rather let things happen, guided by tradition, for a short while.”

### HELP WANTED

The McMullen Museum of Art is seeking volunteers to provide tours at the museum. Docents attend monthly meetings with museum staff as well as walk-throughs with the curators of each show. Docents are also expected to study on their own and with other volunteers in preparation for exhibition tours, and can audit related courses.

### RESOLVED

The Fulton Debating Society was ranked this year as the top debate program in the East and 11th in the nation, according to the National Debate Tournament Committee. BC finished ahead of Cornell, Vermont, Dartmouth and Harvard in the regional rankings, and behind Wake Forest University and University of Michigan in the national rankings.

LEE PELLEGRINI



**LARGER THAN LIFE**—To alleviate a long-standing drainage problem construction workers this summer installed five 50,000-gallon storm-water detention tanks beneath the Dust Bowl. The work is expected to be completed by fall.



## STANDARDIZED BEST

CEOs at 11 multinational corporations have endorsed a set of management practices developed by BC's Center for Corporate Community Relations. The standards include commitments to a social vision, structures for improving community relations, and community-relations programs that reflect corporate and community concerns. The firms are Clorox, BP Chemicals, Digital Equipment, Eli Lilly, Honeywell, Pacific Gas and Electric, Phillips Petroleum, Pillsbury, Prudential Insurance Co. of America, TELUS and S.C. Johnson and Son.

## A LIST

The Carroll School of Management's Chief Executives Club is one of the nation's three best business-related speaking forums and the best in New England—this according to *The Business Speaker's Resource*, a trade publication that annually profiles 1,100 business speaking opportunities. This year the five-year-old club featured Sun Microsystems Chairman Scott McNealy and American Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole among its speakers. Its fall lineup includes United Airlines Chairman and CEO Gerald Greenwald, Time Warner Chairman and CEO Gerald Levin and AT&T Chairman and CEO C. Michael Armstrong.

## LOOK HOMEWARD

Alecia Walters '99, a political science major, is the recipient of the 1998 Amanda V. Houston Memorial Fellowship. Named for BC's first Black Studies Program director, the \$3,000 fellowship is awarded annually to an undergraduate for travel and study. Walters, the third recipient of the award, plans to visit Ghana, which she believes may have been her ancestors' homeland.

# CHANGE AGENT

David R. Burgess is named academic VP



David R. Burgess (right), the newly appointed academic vice president and dean of faculties, greets Carroll School of Management faculty members Robert Fichman and Marta A. Geletkanycz at a June reception.

"First, I have no aspirations of becoming a university president; I think it's the worst job in the world," said David R. Burgess, addressing a roomful of top Boston College administrators. Then he looked over at University President William P. Leahy, SJ, seated to his right, and grinned. "No insult intended, Father. For me, being an academic vice president is a dream job. This is the heart and soul of the university."

Burgess, who becomes BC's academic vice president and dean of faculties August 1, was on campus June 8 and 9 to meet his new colleagues. Introducing him, Fr. Leahy said he had been looking for three things in the senior officer who will implement his \$260-

million drive to upgrade BC's academic enterprise: quality scholarship, administrative experience, and someone whose values fit with the University's Jesuit and Catholic mission.

Announcing Burgess's hire, Monan Professor of Law Daniel Coquillette, who chaired the search committee, reported that Burgess had been the unanimous choice. "This is an extraordinarily strong appointment," he said. "Dr. Burgess is a distinguished scientist of the first order . . . a leader in funded research at one of the leading research universities in the nation." A cell biologist with a long list of publications and research grants to his credit, Burgess comes from the University of Pittsburgh, where he

has chaired the department of biological sciences since 1990. Chemistry Professor Amir Hoveyda, also a member of the search committee, pointed out that Burgess "single-handedly led the development of [that] department into one of the top programs in the country," and cited Burgess's talent for hiring excellent faculty, strengthening Pitt's program with both junior and senior appointments.

Burgess began his teaching career at Dartmouth in 1976 and followed that with eight years at the University of Miami School of Medicine. There he studied cell shape and structure, much of that work tied to cancer research. "I left Miami for Pitt because I missed teaching," he told his new



colleagues. "I took [the BC] job because it's a clear opportunity to direct change."

Asked for his views on the relative importance of scholarship and teaching, Burgess said emphatically, "I believe that quality scholarship is the way to achieve quality undergraduate teaching. You need to create an atmosphere in which that 30 to 50 percent of undergraduates who are really interested in a discipline will have the opportunity to work directly with the faculty—across all disciplines, not just in the sciences." At Pitt, Burgess received a \$1.7 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute for undergraduate research initiatives.

"On the other hand," Bur-

gess continued, "you don't want to hire and promote faculty who are interested only in research." It is important, he said, that faculty feel a sense of responsibility for the community and for minorities.

Coquillet noted that Burgess "has been a leader in the advancement of opportunities for minority students in the United States, as well as a moral and spiritual leader at the University of Pittsburgh." Born in New Mexico and educated in California, Burgess has long been active in Native American and Chicano educational efforts, and more recently in African American health and education. He is president-elect of the Society for Advancement of Chicanos

and Native Americans in Science, and he has just been appointed chairman of the advisory council to the National Institutes of Health Office of Research on Minority Health.

When asked whether he planned to continue his research or his teaching at Boston College, Burgess all but exploded, "No!" bringing a round of laughter from his fellow vice presidents. "My wife wouldn't let me," he exclaimed. "We have a family . . ."

Burgess succeeds William B. Neenan, SJ, who had served in the post since 1987; Neenan will assume new responsibilities as vice president and assistant to the president following a sabbatical leave.

*Charlotte Bruce Harvey*

LEE PELLEGRINI



#### ACADEMY AWARD

Drucker Professor of Management Sciences Alicia H. Munnell has been elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She joins historian Doris Kearns Goodwin and opera singer Beverly Sills among 146 new fellows and 22 foreign honorary members chosen in recognition of their contributions to science, scholarship, public affairs and the arts. Munnell, a former member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, is the second BC faculty member to be named to the academy, the other being Lisa Cahill, Monan Professor of Theology.

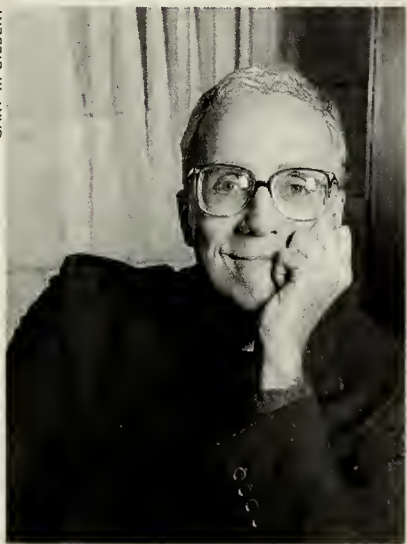
## SPIRITUAL AID

### Appleyard named to new vice president's post

A longtime faculty member who has led the College of Arts and Sciences' Honor's Program and has served as rector of the Boston College Jesuit Community has been appointed by President Leahy to the newly established position of vice president for University Mission and Ministry.

In his new post, Joseph Appleyard, SJ, will supervise the Chaplaincy and the Center for Ignatian Spirituality, which was established by BC and the Jesuit Community in 1997 to help interested faculty and staff deepen their own spirituality while at Boston College. Fr. Appleyard also will be the University's liaison to St. Ignatius Church, St. Mary's Chapel and to programs across the

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Joseph Appleyard, SJ

University that develop its Catholic and Jesuit nature.

Boston College's "long-term goals stress the Jesuit educational tradition of linking intellectual inquiry and religious faith, and the conviction

that these are mutually illuminating," Appleyard told *Chronicle*, BC's administrative newspaper. "The challenge is to find ways of making these connections that respect the diverse backgrounds and faith commitments of students, faculty and staff."

Appleyard '53, joined the English department in 1967 and holds the rank of professor. He directed the Honors Program from 1987 to 1997 and was rector of BC's 125-member Jesuit Community from 1991 to 1997. He is the author of *Coleridge's Philosophy of Literature: The Development of a Concept of Poetry 1791-1819*, and *Becoming a Reader: The Experience of Fiction from Childhood to Adulthood*.

#### BOOK DROP

The family of the late Janet Wilson James has donated part of her private library to Boston College. A pioneer in women's history who co-authored the major biographical dictionary, *Notable American Women, 1607-1950*, James served on the BC faculty from 1971 until 1987. The gift includes more than 200 volumes, most of them 19th-century imprints, spanning a range of topics in women's studies.

#### IDEALISTS

Juan Arteaga, a history and political science major, and Melissa Colon, an education student, have been named recipients of \$7,500 Archbishop Oscar A. Romero scholarships. The scholarships, awarded for the sixth time this year, recognize juniors of Latino descent who embody the values and ideals of the late Salvadoran bishop and social justice advocate.



# Guy noir

A CONVERSATION WITH ROBERT POLITO '73, THE DEAN OF HARD-BOILED FICTION

**BCM:** Is there an essential noir sentence or paragraph or book?

**Robert Polito:** For many, the word noir conjures up a hard-boiled simile: "His cigarette was jiggling like a doll on a coiled spring." But the famous wisecracks of Raymond Chandler and Dashiell Hammett represent a triumph of wit over circumstance.

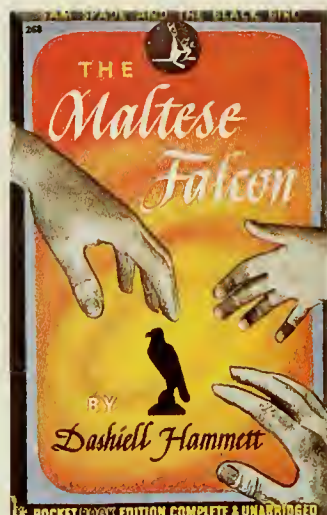
Essential noir—like so much classic American literature—is focused on failure, on losing. Jim Thompson concluded his first crime novel, *Nothing More than Murder*, with three plangent sentences: "They can't hang me. I'm already dead. I've been dead a long time." Or as David Goodis opened his first novel, *Retreat from Oblivion*: "After a while it gets so bad that you want to stop the whole business." Where can you go from there?

Goodis probably also created the essential noir title, *The Wounded and the Slain*—he was intimating, I suppose, the likely categories of human experience.

**What brought noir into being? How did this nihilism take root in our essentially hopeful culture? Or is our culture simply not as hopeful as we like to think it is?**

Remember that the novel that conventionally marks the inauguration of American literature, Charles Brockden Brown's *Wieland* (1798), concerns a character who believes that he hears the voice of God commanding him to kill his family. Mainstream American literature—from Hawthorne, Poe, Melville and Dickinson through Crane, Dreiser and Faulkner—has been obsessed with crime, guilt, deception, deceit, nightmare, mystery, murder and the disintegrating psyche. Perhaps noir distills something essential from that dark classic tradition.

America sometimes advances a sort of spectral innocence about itself. Here is a nation founded on genocide, which then maintained slavery, yet somehow we manage the conviction that we live in God's Country. Noir may track the real return of the repressed.



COURTESY POCKET BOOKS



You have said that with the passage of time these novels seem more and more central; so much of what we think of as our contemporary culture is rooted in them. Where do you see their influence?

Imagine if you had told someone in 1952 that the paperback *The Killer Inside Me* would survive, while all but the tiniest smattering of "important" novels touted by *The New York Times Book Review* or *Saturday Review* would vanish. Paperbacks were so marginal then that bookstores didn't carry them; only newsstands did. That would be like saying that the most enduring poems of 1998 can be found in some zine.

Noir has inexorably influenced American speech, American film, American jazz and rock and roll, nearly every aspect of American culture, including modern and contemporary American fiction. While it is often the rawness, darkness and violence of noir that at first seem compelling, I would emphasize the artistry: James M. Cain's concision and timing; the multiple narrators in Kenneth Fearing; Patricia Highsmith's insidious elegance; Chester Himes's wily dialogue; the experimental edges of Jim Thompson, David Goodis and Horace McCoy. These writers carried a subversive charge. You could call them pop-modernists.

Maybe our world also has shaded more noir. Classic noir offered the sense that if you peeled back the skin of the official public culture, this is what you would discover underneath it: the hidden corruption, the rot. After Vietnam, Nixon and all the secret history of the past 50-odd years—and speaking now in the middle of the Clinton scandals—we take corruption and rot for granted, don't we?

*Robert Polito is the editor of "Crime Novels: American Noir of the 1930s & 1940s," and "Crime Novels: American Noir of the 1950s" (Library of America, 1997). His biography of Jim Thompson, "Savage Art," (Knopf, 1995) received the National Book Critics Circle Award. He directs the graduate writing program at The New School in New York City.*



# NETWORKING

## SOE gains an Internet research group

A group of eight high-tech researchers has allied with the School of Education, giving the University instant presence in the burgeoning field of educational technology development. The group will establish a center at BC to be called the Center for Research on Learning Communities.

The researchers previously had formed the educational technology wing of BBN Corporation, a Cambridge, Massachusetts, high-tech firm that pioneered Internet development. Group members focused on network innovations—

developing software, for example, that enabled schools on different continents to hold an Internet-based joint concert.

When BBN was sold last year, the new parent corporation expressed limited interest in the educational technology arm, so the researchers began looking for a new affiliation. They had collaborated in the past with SOE faculty and were attracted by that experience and by the “high quality of the graduate students at BC who would be available to work on their projects,” said SOE Dean Mary Brabeck. Brabeck wel-

comed the group’s arrival, saying it brought “big external funding, an incredibly rich research agenda and expertise that we need but do not currently have in educational technology.”

Most prominently, the researchers include Allan Collins, a professor of education and social policy at Northwestern University, known for his work in cognitive science and artificial intelligence, and Beverly Hunter, whose work has focused on the uses of networking for reforming mathematics and science education.

# MORE OR LESS

## Are Americans generous?

Confronted by disparate data from the two leading authorities on U.S. charitable giving, staff at BC’s Social Welfare Research Institute (SWRI) have conducted their own examination of American generosity. Their findings, to be published in a forthcoming issue of *Non-profit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, indicate that average family contributions to charity may be as much as \$1,100—significantly higher than one accepted figure, and slightly lower than the other.

At issue are data assembled by the Independent Sector and by the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsels (AAFRAC), the most prominent surveyors of charitable giving. Independent Sector

pegs average annual household giving at \$696, and AAFRC puts the figure at \$1,167.

SWRI director Paul Schervish and Senior Research Associate John Havens describe their own study as a “minor detective story.” SWRI had been hired to conduct a routine evaluation of the design and implementation of the biennial Independent Sector survey, and as part of that evaluation it supervised a year-long diary study of 44 Boston-area households. The study, which included weekly interviews, found higher than expected charitable giving by a factor of 30 percent. Puzzled, the researchers compared their data with the research agencies’ and turned up a methodological

problem: In the self-reported data people tended to minimize their giving or to be unaware of, and therefore underreport, the giving habits of other household members. Additionally, surveys did not always account for “informal” philanthropy, such as gifts to needy family members or donations of clothes or household items.

On a practical level, the findings point to a need for better training of researchers who study charitable giving. But Schervish argues that a more comprehensive depiction of giving is integral to efforts to understand Americans’ social attitudes and practices. “We need discussion about income distribution and how it translates to the public good.”

## METALLICA

*Boston College Magazine* received the regional gold medal for overall excellence from the Counsel for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and a bronze medal for feature design in CASE’s national competition. *BCM* also received the distinguished achievement award from EdPress for “The Judgments of Solomon” [Summer 1997].

## RISKY BUSINESS

Assistant Professor of Chemistry Marc Snapper is one of 20 scientists to win a 1998 Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award. Criteria for the \$60,000 prize include a commitment to teaching and a promising body of scholarship. For Snapper, the award comes on the heels of a year in which he had received a DuPont Young Professor Award, a Sloan Research Fellowship and an Eli Lilly Award. Snapper said he would use the Dreyfus funds “to pursue some very exciting ideas” that might not receive traditional funding. “Some of it’s risky and we’re going to see if we can get some hits,” said Snapper.

## DEATHS

- ❖ John V. Driscoll, SJ, ’39, MSW’41, dean of the Graduate School of Social Work from 1958 to 1970, on April 19, at age 80.
- ❖ James J. Kane, a BC admission officer since 1981 and a former member of the Society of Jesus, on April 24, at age 53.
- ❖ Cecilia Whitney, director of alumni records from the late 1940s to 1970, on January 30, at age 96.
- ❖ Vincent Wright, dean of the Graduate School of Business Administration from its founding in 1957 until 1963, on March 1, at age 83.



# Double vision

THE POPE'S ATTEMPT TO MUZZLE DEBATE OBSCURES HIS REAL CONTRIBUTION

A decision by the Vatican in late June set the stage for stronger measures against Catholic theologians who criticize Church teaching. This raises some important questions about the struggle of a 2,000-year-old tradition to bring its message to "the modern world," a process begun for Roman Catholics in the 1960s with the Second Vatican Council. Such questions go beyond Catholicism. Many religious communities face similar challenges in restating and even changing key traditions in dialogue with contemporary values. Examples outside Catholicism include the decision of Episcopalians and Anglicans to ordain women, the decision of Southern Baptists to reassert male "headship" while acknowledging the spiritual equality of men and women, and the changes in Mormon policies formerly implying the inferiority of blacks.

In June the Pope made an addition to canon law, the formal regulations of the Roman Catholic Church. The insertion ensures that theologians who disagree publicly with even those Church teachings that have not been proclaimed to be infallible can be subjected to a "just punishment." This move is not directed at the faithful in general, but at teachers of theology. It is not really an innovation, but provides a legal counterpart to a 1989 "Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity" that already requires all those undertaking "an office in the Church's name" to testify that they would adhere to such teachings with "religious submission."

The issues the Vatican tagged for attention this week include euthanasia, premarital sex and women's ordination, all of which are rejected as inimical to Catholic values. Yet these are far from the only issues addressed by the Pope throughout his pontificate. The central moral evils targeted in his speeches and writings have been economic: consumerism, materialism and, above all, the gap between rich and poor. The recent dictum by the Pope and accompanying commentary by the head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith should be set in a larger perspective.

It is important to realize that the Pope's biggest moral concern has been social ethics. Human life and human rights must be respected. John Paul II has made powerful



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criticisms of developed nations whose unrestrained capitalism, consumerism, individualism and moral relativism oppress other social classes and whole peoples. In his 1995 encyclical letter, "The Gospel of Life," John Paul II defines the Church's mission as "defense of the world's poor," and speaks of "a war of the powerful against the weak." In this context, he mentions euthanasia and worries that "it is sometimes justified by the utilitarian motive of avoiding costs which bring no return and which weigh heavily on society." In other words, the Pope not only condemns the act of killing but also the social ethos of "productive efficiency" that deprives many of supportive rela-

tionships during terminal illness and of adequate access to palliative care. This broader context and the full meaning of Catholic teaching are ignored in efforts to crack down on individual theologians who "dissent" from specific interpretations of how respect for life is to be applied in practice. Why not also go after those who think that a market-driven health care system is compatible with Catholic social ethics?

Similarly, the Pope certainly condemns premarital sex, but behind that is an ideal of "mutual self-gift" in marriage, in a context of male-female equality. Part of his position on sex is his view that sex should express commitment and that partners should be responsible for children. This is a message with which Catholic theologians are largely in agreement and that our culture needs to hear. Moreover, even though the Pope tends to romanticize women's maternal role, he has done much to affirm the human rights of women worldwide. Why not condemn Catholics who resist "the great process of women's liberation," as John Paul II called it in a 1995 "Letter to Women" (written in preparation for the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing)? In that same letter he also condemned sexual violence; affirmed the "real equality of women in every area," including work and family; and apologized for the responsibility the Church itself bears in engendering discrimination against women. Why not then exact a "just punishment" against officials acting "in the name of the Church" who still refuse to pay women equally for work



comparable to that done by men, or to hire and promote them by the same criteria?

Women's ordination is another important issue for U.S. Catholics, who live in a culture in which the equality of males and females in education and employment is not only taken for granted, but a matter of law. But the issue of women's ordination should not be overemphasized. Many women around the globe do not have the luxury to insist on becoming priests, because they are too busy fighting to escape poverty, violence and rape, trying simply to stay alive and keep their children safe. Vatican authorities give the non-ordination of women great prominence as a criterion of Catholic orthodoxy because they see correctly that women's equality in more advantaged cultures is changing women's role and authority in Catholicism itself, and that the traditional all-male clerical power base is being eroded. But conflict over this one issue can obscure the fact that the Pope and the Catholic Church in general have moved a long way from the 1930s, when women were still regarded as inferior to men. John Paul II has been a prophetic defender of women's basic human rights.

It is revealing of the impotence of legalistic measures "from above" that the 1989 profession and oath have still not been widely implemented in the United States. Their meaning and force are still being negotiated by the Vatican and the bishops of the United States, who are consulting professional societies of theologians. Most analysts agree that it would be impossible to use canon law as a criterion for the hiring, promotion and firing of theologians in North American colleges and universities. Most of these institutions do not come under the direct control of the Vatican or the bishops. Like other institutions of higher education, Catholic colleges evaluate faculty on the basis of intellectu-

al credibility, scholarly research and teaching skills—not Church certification. Theology faculty do not generally see themselves as officials teaching "in the name of the Church"—the bishops' role—but as advancing understanding of Catholic tradition through research on theological questions in a community of academic peers. For them, pluralism and debate are necessary for the creative ferment that keeps traditions alive. Dissent represents "loyal opposition" to current policy, not alienation or betrayal.

At their national meeting in June in Pittsburgh, the U.S. Catholic bishops voted to incorporate Catholic social teaching into all educational programs and institutions. They highlighted pornography, excessive violence and irresponsible use of sex and violence in the media. In recent years Catholic health systems in the United States have countered the physician-assisted-suicide movement by offering alternative care, not just by condemnations. If Catholic belief and theological expertise are to marshal around Church teaching and help change society, it will have to be through positive, grass-roots efforts, not dictates from Rome that come across as extrinsic and even irrelevant to actual cultural experiences and problems. And John Paul II himself has shown that social justice issues should be at the forefront of Catholic attention. The recent change in canon law is a misguided and probably ineffectual attempt to rein in theological debate. It also distorts the most important values Catholicism has to bring to modern culture.

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**GOOD FELLOWS**—The bronze *Shakespeare and Company* (left), Michael de Lisio's homage to the Paris bookstore by that name, depicts James Joyce, Paul Valéry, William Shakespeare, T. S. Eliot, Ezra Pound, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Andre Gidé, Adrienne Monnier and Sylvia Beach. A self-taught sculptor, de Lisio focused on writers and artists; his sculptures as well as letters and photographs are on display at the McMullen Museum of Art through September 20.



# Memento memory

## THE LONG GOOD-BYE

My grandpa Carl Epplin had a trademark way of getting into his pickup truck and starting it up. His pickup was a rusted orange Ford, and the keys were in the ignition at all times—even when he left the truck to run into a store. He would open the door to the pickup and, being five-foot-four, hoist himself into the driver's

seat using his left arm to push on the open door and his right to pull on the steering wheel. With half his body in the cab and half still dangling outside, he would grab the steering wheel with his left hand while reaching over with his right hand to turn the ever-present key. Then with his left leg still dangling and the door swinging, he would press on the accelerator.

He would drive with that door swinging and his left leg dangling for 100 yards, or about halfway down the white graveled lane that ran from his farmhouse to an unnamed Illinois asphalt road. Grandma Ida would holler after him, "Carl, you're gonna lose your leg doing that."

Sometimes, on visits from the city, I would walk the farm with my grandpa. He strutted around in worn denim overalls and a mesh-backed cap with a seed- or tractor-company logo on the bill. "Don't cut your foot," he'd say to warn me not to step in the piles of cow manure that were strewn about the pasture like mines. Everywhere he went he carried a small machete with a curved blade and a wooden handle that was attached with duct tape, some new and much of it weathered. Grandma Ida would plead with him to "throw that old piece of junk away," but he kept it and continued to mend it. He used it to cut weeds, stalks of corn or the cord that bound a bale of hay. Grandpa always kept a piece of straw or grass between his lips, and he whistled, though it wasn't a whistle in the usual sense of the word; he didn't form a sound by pushing his lips together, nor did the sound he made approximate a tune. It was a whistle in the same sense as a strong wind is said to whistle through the trees.

My mother told me once, "You know that you never really knew Grandpa like I knew him. He was already



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starting to get bad by the time you were old enough to remember anything."

"Got bad" is how my mother describes her father's growing Alzheimer's disease. At first it was funny to everyone in the family. Grandpa put the cereal box in the freezer, and he threw his banana peel into the oven. My mother laughed when she

told these stories, and usually people laughed along with her. Laughter seemed to be her way of dealing with the forgotten names, forgotten faces and forgotten places. "Grandpa asked me today where his mom was. I said, 'Dad, your mom has been dead for 30 years!' For crying out loud."

I laughed right along at first because I knew Grandpa still knew my name, and that meant that he was holding off the disease, even if he forgot the names and faces of my cousins, my brother and my dad.

One afternoon my mother and I pulled up in front of the farmhouse. Grandpa was standing in the doorway, one strap of his overalls hanging loosely unbuttoned, exposing the worn-thin white long-sleeved undershirt that he always wore in the winter. I expected the "Nick!" to boom across the lawn before I had even stepped out of the door, but I heard nothing except the barking of the dog. When we got to the door, he looked at my mother with a bewildered gaze. I was introduced to my grandpa as "Nick, your grandson."

A week after that visit, my grandfather awoke at four-thirty on a very cold winter day and—as he had on countless winter mornings for scores of winters—took up an ax and went to chop holes in the iced-over pond so the cows could drink. He was stopped by Grandma Ida. "What are you doing?" she demanded when she had him back in the house. "We sold the cows years ago! What are you doing?"

Before another winter came the farm was sold and Grandpa was moved to a nursing home. My mother now drives two hours every week to St. Ann's Nursing Home in Chester, Illinois, to see her father. Sometimes I go with her.

In the hallway at St. Ann's, a woman lies motionless in a bed. I see her each time I visit, and I never see her move.



Her eyes do not even follow us as we walk past. She lies with her hands curled on her chest as if frozen.

In the cafeteria, another woman sits in a chair, rag in hand, rubbing the linoleum table. Another woman is in a wheelchair, clutching a doll to her as if she believes someone is planning to snatch it away.

One woman in a wheelchair talks to many of the visitors, especially the children. Another time, when my 10-year-old cousin Matt visited, she tried to make him eat a spoonful of strained peas. Once she wheeled up to me while I was helping my grandpa eat, and she grabbed my arm.

"How are you, young man?"

"Oh, fine. How're you?"

"OK, OK. Where are you from, young man?"

"I'm from St. Louis, but my grandpa is from Pinckneyville. We're here visiting him."

"Oh, really? I live in Colderville. I think that is on the way to St. Louis. Could you give me a ride back home on your way back? My daughter is expecting me."

"Don't you live here?"

"Oh, heavens no! I'm just visiting. I need to get back to my family in Colderville. Will you please take me?" she asked, as she tightened her grip on my arm.

"OK, OK. We'll take you to Colderville," I mumbled.

She let go of my arm, and a nervous smile crept over her lips. She remained nearby, clutching the arms of her wheelchair, ready to go home. I did not say good-bye to her because I could not explain why she could not leave with us. I did not look back to see if she was following us.

*Nicholas Chase '00*

*Nicholas Chase, a St. Louis native, is majoring in English.*

# Trust account

## THE USES OF DEMOCRACY

We can hardly believe that human society is compatible with an unlimited variety of individual ways of life. Society requires fundamental likenesses among its members as the basis of mutual trust and sharing in the common good, and this may be particularly true of democracies, where fellow citizens must work together politically at all levels of government. Every political society, in fact, may be viewed as the public favoring of a particular way of life or a limited spectrum of ways of life. Democracy cannot permit individuals to enslave others, to commit crimes, to refuse to bear common burdens, or to violate laws generally. It is incompatible with drastic inequalities of social class or rigid castes. It cannot work well when those directly or indirectly involved in ruling regard each other as members of alien and hostile groups. Its freedom and its diversity must therefore be moderate, not extreme: It is compelled to blend homogeneity with heterogeneity, and the failure to bear this need constantly in mind prepares it for destruction.

There was a time before and after World War II when supporters of liberal democracy, opposing totalitarianism, proudly claimed that democracies neither enforced, nor had any need of, common moral beliefs and attitudes. While it is true that liberal democracy makes little effort to indoctrinate, in the strict sense of teaching its people a

systematic doctrine, it is of course equally true that liberal democracy uses both formal and informal education to provide its citizens with some conception of its principles and to encourage devotion to them. It does, after all, still teach all schoolchildren the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Gettysburg Address, and it has always paid some heed to the moral qualities that exemplify the best in democracy, drawing inspiration from the examples of Washington and Lincoln particularly. It urges its citizens to exercise independence of thought, to treat their fellows considerately and fairly and to strive for a common good that cannot be conceived as the net outcome of divergent political interests. Its educational system is still predicated on the assumption, however inadequately applied, that citizens have duties as well as rights, that some subordination—to parents, teachers, founders and the law—is both necessary and proper, and that some uses of freedom are better than others.

*David Lowenthal*

*Excerpted from "No Liberty for License: The Forgotten Logic of the First Amendment" (Spence Publishing Company, 1997) by Professor of Political Science David Lowenthal.*



# Cecelia's TRIUMPH

As a brilliant sun blazed overhead, the public-address system ticked off the names of the Carroll School of Management's graduates: Matthew Robert Burke, David Andrew Burns, Mary Elizabeth Buttarazzi. The graduates—all clad in black nylon gowns—fidgeted in the noon heat. One couple kissed. Nearby, a woman plucked ruby red rosebuds from a bouquet and gently tossed them to a classmate two seats away. The graduates whispered to one another, posed for impromptu photographs and fanned themselves with programs. Eileen Marie Cooney, Timothy Paul Corbett, Michael J. Constantino. After four years of work, the students' final moments of campus life were at hand.

Cecelia Dixon (center) at Commencement, surrounded by friends and relatives. Among the crowd are her husband, their 17-month-old daughter, and the three siblings Cecelia has raised since their mother's death during her junior year.

*SHE MOURNED HER LOSSES. SHE KEPT HER PROMISES. THIS SPRING SHE GRADUATED.*

BY SUZANNE KEATING

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The Class of 1998 was giddy.

Not Cecelia Dixon.

As her name drew near, Cecelia sat with her back straight, hands folded on her lap, eyes focused on the deans who sat four rows away. Hers was a profile of exacting self-discipline, a picture of composed stillness.

Ten years earlier, when she had first visited the BC campus, Cecelia was the promising eldest child of an immigrant Honduran family, and her success in Boston's public schools had earned her a shot at college. Then a ninth-grader from the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston, she was one of 30 participants in a talent-identification program that drew urban students to BC to prepare them for the rigors of college. The successful students would receive scholarships. Their lives—often riddled by violence and poverty—would have new prospects.

In the high school years that followed, Cecelia spent many Saturdays on the BC campus, attending SAT-preparation classes, browsing the catacombs of O'Neill library, imagining herself a college student. Studying wasn't hard to envision: Cecelia had been the valedictorian of her eighth-grade class. She had already spent years bent over books while her peers leaped double Dutch and stared at video games. But other elements of college life—campus dances, all-night dormitory chats, a semester abroad—were far enough beyond the experiences of her Honduran family to seem fantastic.

Since those first Saturday sessions on the Chestnut Hill campus, Cecelia Dixon has endured a trial beyond the comprehension of most college students. Her father abandoned the family after being charged with domestic assault. Her siblings witnessed the point-blank murder of a relative. And her mother died of breast cancer, leaving six children without a parent—or a breadwinner. After her mother's death, Cecelia, a CSOM junior majoring in accounting, was confronted with a choice: remain in school and complete a degree that might be her way out of the city's most violent housing

project, or raise her siblings, seek work and try to hold the collapsing family together. Cecelia Dixon chose both.

"I had something my brothers and sister never had," she says. "I had my mother from the day I was born until I was in college.

"After I had Shayla (top) I knew I had to go back to school," says Cecelia Dixon. Kervin Dixon (left): "I listen to my sister so I don't get caught up in certain situations on the street. I try to stick with my family and with church."



She did everything she could to get me a step ahead. And when she died, I had to do it for those coming up after me. This was my promise."

By the time she donned her black cap and gown at the age of 24, Cecelia had completed an accounting degree, worked full-time, navigated the welfare bureaucracy and become a wife, a mother and the sole guardian of three siblings.

**With typical** bureaucratic understatement, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1995 called the Academy Homes housing project "troubled." The *Boston Globe* called the sprawling three-story compound "perhaps the most reviled housing development in Boston." When Boston Mayor Thomas Menino toured the site in 1994, he called it "unsafe for young people," a "total disgrace" and "totally unacceptable for human beings to live in." For four years Cecelia Dixon and her family have called this place home.

Viewed from the parking lot, their apartment unit looks much like the others that surround it—blue and white aluminum siding, a picket fence with peeling white paint. Inside, schoolbooks are crammed on kitchen counters, laundry is stacked in a corner, a baby walker is stashed next to the refrigerator. An orange electrical cord snakes alongside a cabinet, across a door frame and ends at a clothes dryer on the opposite wall. The parlor, once a pink and white confection of crocheted doilies, pillowcases and shawls crafted by Cecelia's mother, is now a makeshift bedroom and nursery, and the place where the family watches television.

One week before BC Commencement the Dixons gathered around the kitchen table. Monday night is family-meeting time in the Dixon household, and the remaining members of Cecelia's family were present. Pacing by the sink, Guthrie Smith, Cecelia's 25-year-old husband, quietly cradled Shayla, their 17-month-old daughter. At the table sat Cecelia's rambunctious siblings: Kervin, 15; Noel, 13; and Rosa, 11. All were impatient to begin. Cecelia, the chairwoman of her home, took her place at the head of the bare wood table.

"Does anybody have anything they want to talk about tonight?" she asked, coaxing.

Noel, bright-eyed above a maroon BC T-shirt, took the bait.

"I want you to let us go out more," he said. "Summer's coming. Why can't we just get a curfew or something, so we don't have to call every time we go somewhere?"

"Out?" she said, barely suppressing a smirk. "What does that mean, out? Does that mean you want to go out and play basketball? Where is it you want to go?"

Kervin entered the fray.

"What's up with you and all this trust? Can we go to the park? No. Can we go to the store? No. Can we bring out the garbage? No," he said. "We'd just like to chill around the neighborhood. We don't want to have to go everywhere and call whenever we get there."

Cecelia sighed and held her ground. Her brothers would be calling home whenever they ventured into the neighborhood. And that was that.

Five years earlier, before the Dixon boys were teenagers, the family could not have imagined that its household drama would be played out with Cecelia at the head of the table. The family's matriarch, Celia Clark Dixon, was still steering her charges on a course suggestive of an immigrant's fable.

Celia Clark was 19 and about to enter college in La Ceiba, Honduras, when, beckoned by relatives who had migrated north, she traveled to Boston. There, at a party held in a friend's basement, the reserved Celia Clark met the exuberant Delvin Dixon, a 25-year-old émigré from Roatan, Honduras. They married and settled in Boston.

Equipped with little more than a sixth-grade education and speaking halting English, Delvin Dixon found work as a dishwasher in Boston restaurants, and later as a carpenter. Celia became a secretary in a jewelry store. Together they leapfrogged their family from the city's tenements to a single-family house in Mattapan. They began to plot their children's futures.

The two oldest Dixon children showed great promise. Cecelia was at the top of her class at Frank V. Thompson Middle School. Delvin, Jr., a grade behind her, had a knack for mathematics, and an uncanny talent for disassembling the family's radio and then restoring it to working order.

In a family bound by Hispanic tradition, Cecelia, as the eldest girl, was expected to perform well in school, then return home to assist her mother. She was rarely allowed to play or to stray far from her mother's side. Her purposefulness captured the attention of Joseph Galeota, a longtime public school teacher who has seen his share, as he puts it, of "honor-roll children who have fled tyranny and terrorism on rickety boats, those who live without hot water, those who frequently go hungry because of poverty or those who survive the ravages of dys-



functional families." Cecelia stood apart. During a class trip to a local library, the teenager shunned the shelves where her peers lingered and instead gathered an armful of children's stories. Galeota was dumbfounded. Here was one of his star pupils cradling bold-text picture books. He quizzed her and found that the books were for her younger brothers and sister. "I go home after school, and I like to read to them," she told Galeota.

As the end of middle school approached, Cecelia's hard work and her success on the city-wide exam-school admission test placed her at an intersection that required a decision: enroll at Boston Latin or attend Hyde Park High School as a participant in College Bound, a fledgling project of the Boston Public Schools and Boston College [see "The transformer," page 24]. As Cecelia describes it, the lure of Boston Latin, a public exam school that admits only a fraction of those who apply, was powerful. In the 360 years since the school was chartered, its alumni have been an arresting roll call of New England's political and cultural elite: Benjamin Franklin, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Samuel Adams, Joseph P. Kennedy and Leonard Bernstein, to name a few. Cecelia knew Boston Latin was the oldest—and perhaps the most prestigious—public school in the country. And she feared she might fail there.

College Bound seemed to offer a more prudent alternative. Open to a handful of high-performing students in Hyde Park and West Roxbury high schools, the program offered less immediate prestige—but a more certain payoff. BC would provide college-preparatory training that included test-taking skills, computer courses, leadership training, writing workshops and tutoring. Students would attend classes two Saturdays a month throughout high school and for two weeks each summer. Those who successfully completed the program would seize the ultimate plum: a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to BC. For Cecelia, the scholarship pledge was too tempting to refuse. She enrolled at Hyde Park, becoming the rarest of the city's

middle-school students—an eighth-grader turning down admission to Boston Latin.

The decision was fraught with risk. Although College Bound's primary purpose was to prepare urban high school students for college, it had a second aim: to retain and strengthen a cadre of capable students in public high schools otherwise drained of talent by the city's private, parochial and exam schools. By the time Cecelia enrolled in 1988, Hyde Park was one of Boston's most beleaguered institutions, still damaged by blistering racial strife. Fourteen years earlier U.S. District Court Judge W. Arthur Garrity, Jr., ruled that the Boston School Committee had effectively created

two separate and unequal school systems—one for black students and one for white. Accordingly, he ordered city schools to integrate, including the predominantly white Hyde Park High School. That fall school buses bearing hundreds of minority students from Dorchester and Roxbury came to a stop in front of Hyde Park High School. Instead of a higher-quality education, those students were met with simmering hostility. That year police in riot gear patrolled the hallways. Mounted officers were positioned outside

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the imposing red brick building.

Despite opposition, Garrity's order remained in place. The Irish, Polish and Italian-American students did not. White families fled the city for the suburbs or enrolled their children in private schools. In the years before the order, 1,400 of Hyde Park High School's 1,600 students were white. By the time Cecelia registered, enrollment had dropped to 1,000, and 900 of those students were minorities. Balanced, blended classrooms were not to be, and Hyde Park High School entered a long, painful slide back to the nearly segregated classrooms Garrity had sought to eradicate.

With the withdrawal of white, middle-class students, political support of the schools had also flagged. So did student achievement. Recently, 99 percent of the school's 11th graders demonstrated "little or no mastery of basic knowledge or skills"



on the mathematics section of a standardized exam, according to statistics provided by the Boston school system. On the English portion of the exam, no students showed “superior performance beyond grade level” and only three percent demonstrated “solid academic performance.”

For Cecelia, Hyde Park High School would prove to be no Boston Latin. When she arrived in 1988, Cecelia was issued textbooks so outdated that they included photographs of people in bell-bottoms. “The whole time I was in high school I did one or two science experiments. The rest we read about in our textbooks,” she said. “Some of the teachers tried to show the students that somebody cared. But students don’t want to be sitting in a room with the ceiling about to fall in or have to wear their coats around so they don’t freeze, or have to worry that the coat is going to get stolen if they take it off.”

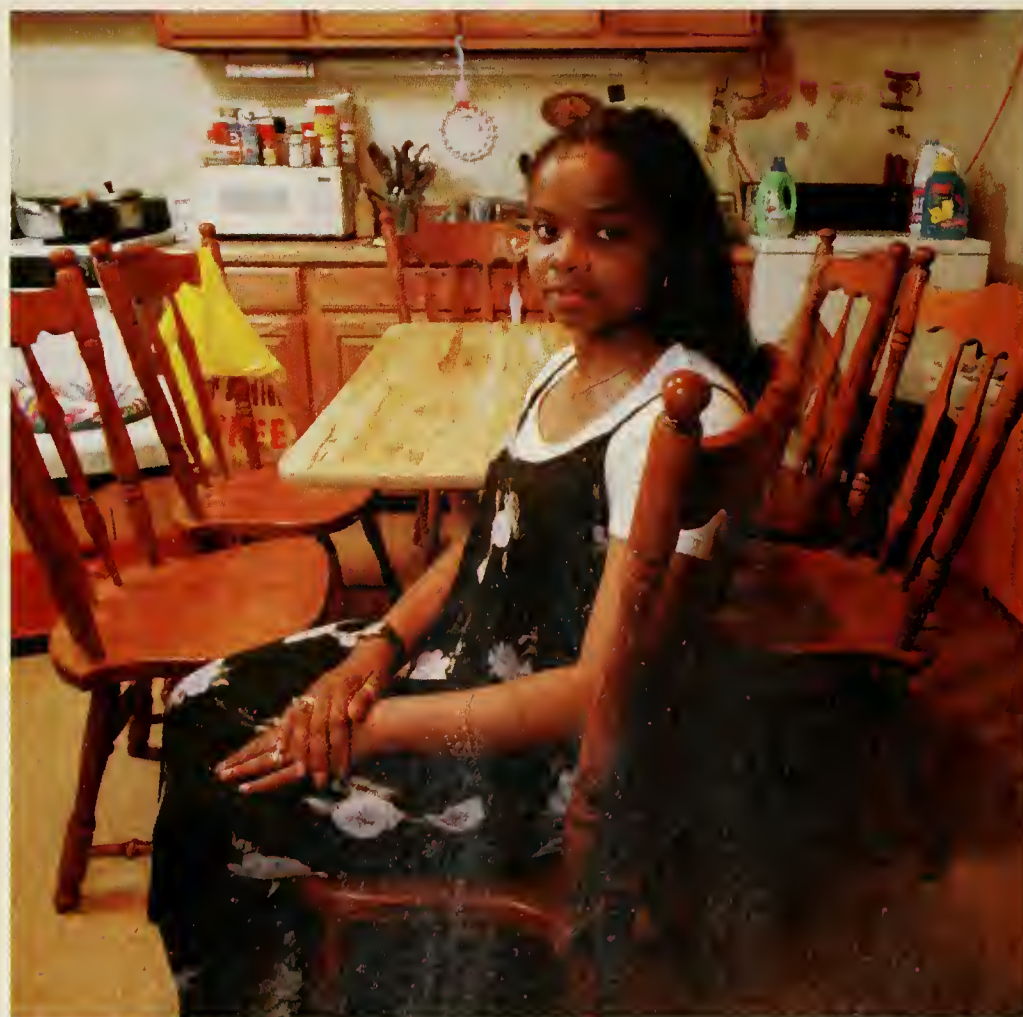
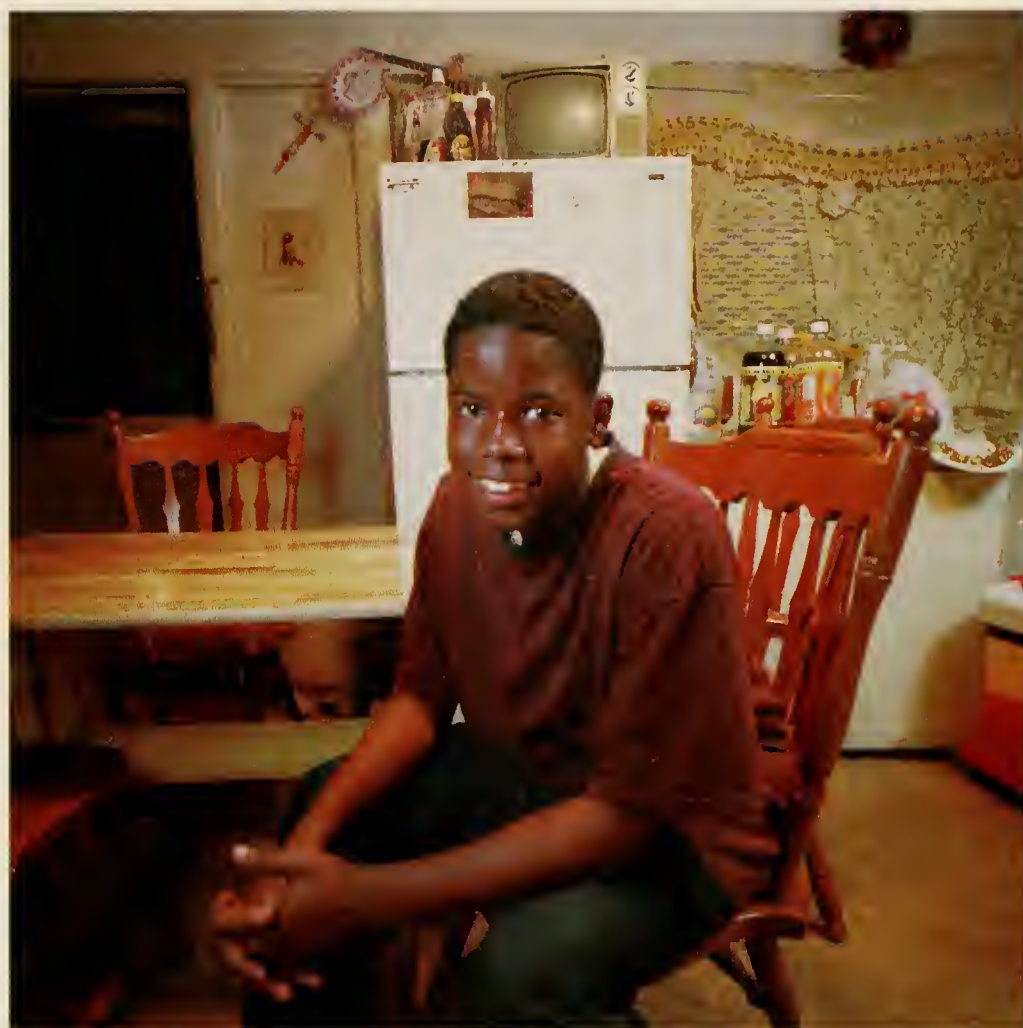
Cecelia plugged on, clinging to her thoughts of college. Three things aided her. One was the College Bound program, which provided academic support and a social milieu of high-achieving classmates facing the same challenges she did. The second was working as a cashier at Osco Drugs, in Mattapan, a responsibility that took her away from the violence and scholastic underachievement that dominated her neighborhood. The last was meeting Guthrie Smith, a fellow student who would become her husband. For four years she juggled her goals and daily demands, and by senior year she seemed to have found a perch from which she could fly to a better place. Then, just as she was admitted to BC, her parents’ marriage—long fractured—finally crumbled. Celia Dixon had lodged an assault complaint against her husband, who faced a brief court hearing and then moved out for good. Cecelia’s trials had just begun.

Celia Dixon’s income could not support the family, and Cecelia’s part-time drugstore wages failed to bridge the financial gap created by her father’s departure. Cecelia deferred her admission to BC and began working full-time during the summer of 1992.

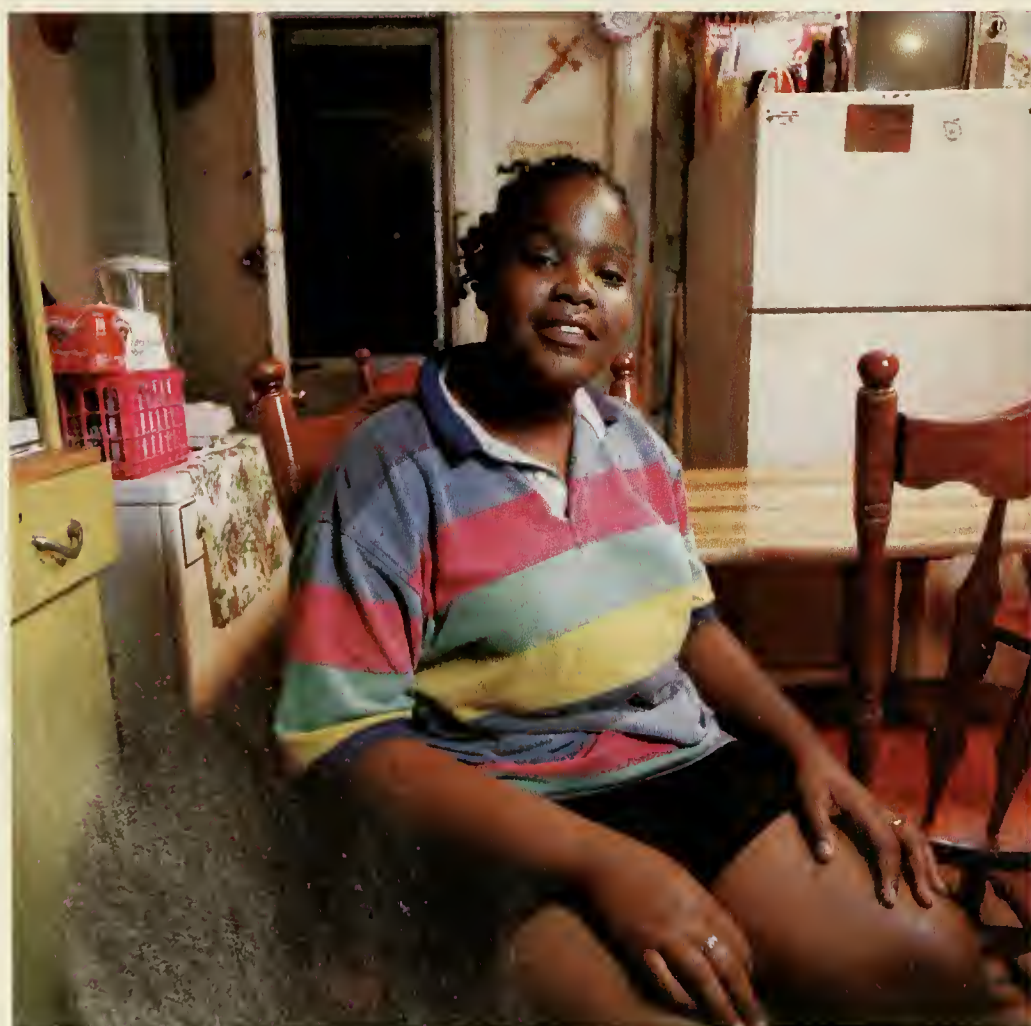
By putting a few dollars a week into an envelope she would then slide between her mattress and box spring, Cecelia was able to save enough money to buy books for the spring semester. She began college not as the

Noel Dixon (top):

“My sister has been tough on us, but she listens, too. If I were her I might have given up.” Cecelia Dixon (right): “I’ve more than kept my promise. I’ve taken it to heart and grown with it.”







carefree freshman she had dreamed of being, but as an extraordinarily busy young woman. Each morning she commuted by subway to campus, where she worked in the student-loan office and attended classes. Mid-afternoon she returned to Osco, where she logged 30 hours each week. No campus dances. No Saturday football games either. But Cecelia was satisfied. She and her mother were holding the household together, and Cecelia was in college at last. Never mind if all of her studying took place on the Green Line.

That summer the family's problems deepened. Cecelia's older brother, Delvin, had long been harassed by a gang called the Magics, and on the afternoon of July 26, 1993, three gang members came looking for him. Delvin, then 18, had recently married. When his sister-in-law, Rose Desir, 18, confronted the Magics and told them to leave the neighborhood, one of the gang members started shooting, scattering the crowd of family and friends that had gathered. Noel and Kervin ducked behind a neighbor's car. Six-year-old Rosa hid on the porch. Rose Desir crouched behind a car, and the gunman walked up to her and shot her at point-blank range, killing her. Then the police came. And an ambulance. And the reporters.

The shooting set the Dixons in motion. Fearing that the Magics would return and suffering under the media glare, the family moved in with relatives. A year later Cecelia and her mother moved the children into the Academy Homes project in Roxbury, hoping it would be a temporary stop until they could find a better place.

Cecelia returned to school that fall, but the family's downward spiral accelerated. No sooner had Cecelia begun to catch up to her sophomore peers than her mother broke the news that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer. Celia Dixon was dying. As the disease spread and withered her mother's weary frame, Cecelia sat with her and prayed. "I did everything for my mother," Cecelia

says, her high-cheek-boned face betraying a hint of sorrow, and of pride. "I took her to the bathroom, I bathed her. I fed her."

For the first time in her life, Cecelia tapped her faith, clutching prayer as if it were a life raft. When she felt overwhelmed, she would slip behind the

Gus Smith (top), after seeing his wife's classmates before graduation: "It's hard to believe they are almost the same age as us. Everything is wide open for them." Rosa Dixon (left): "Gus takes good care of us. He shows us how to do our homework, how to scrub the tub. He's there for the day-to-day stuff."



hanging blankets that separated the overcrowded kitchen from the apartment's quiet parlor, drop to her knees and pray. "I never could have those kids see me break down. I couldn't let them see I wasn't strong. I kept from them how bad things were so they could continue to do well in school and to have some hope."

That was when Cecelia made her vow.

"My brothers and sister, they've seen murder. They've seen their parents divorce. They were watching their mother die," Cecelia says. "I promised my mother: I'll take care of everything. I'll hold the family together." In January of 1996, Cecelia's junior year at BC, Celia Clark Dixon died, leaving Cecelia to care for her siblings. "There wasn't time to feel the sadness left by my mom's passing," she recalls. "After I made sure she got a really beautiful funeral, I had this family to raise. I had to put food on the table and make sure the rent was paid. School, well, I think in the back of my mind I hoped I'd find a way to go back."

Four semesters shy of the BC diploma that might have catapulted her into the middle class, Cecelia petitioned for a leave from school and took her place in line, waiting to apply for welfare. As the children of a deceased working woman, four of Cecelia's siblings were eligible for Social Security. Cecelia also secured Aid to Families with Dependent Children, but as her siblings' guardian she was ineligible for food stamps. "In one way I felt uncomfortable in that situation. I had been trying to do better for myself. What was I doing? Begging? But I worked for years and paid my taxes, and there were days when there was very little food in my house. I swallowed my pride because raising a family isn't just about loving them, it's about feeding them, clothing them."

Cecelia also took a job at the Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America, a low-income lending agency in Boston's South End. But even as she struggled to make money and control expenses, the two brothers closest to her in age, Delvin and Willmore, were unable—or unwilling—to help. The oldest sons, they had been given free rein by Cecelia's father and few responsibilities. Neither had finished high school. Delvin, who was 21 and divorced, had left two children in the care of his ex-wife. Seventeen-year-old Willmore suffered from manic depression and was alternately aloof and violent. He struck his younger brothers so often that they pleaded not to be left alone with him. Again Cecelia faced her choices. She told her brothers they would have to change. "Sometimes I

just wanted to be a sister," she says. "But I couldn't. I had to be firm." In the end, Cecelia decided that she could not run a household with two uncooperative adults and could not support brothers who did not work. "I wanted us to sit down together and come up with a plan," Cecelia recalls. "Delvin was depressed. He had lost his mom, his wife, basically his life as he knew it. Seeing me try to build a life was too much for him. He was too angry." The fights—about money, about chores, about schedules—seemed endless. The housing project's manager threatened to evict the family because of Delvin's loud stereo. Cecelia asked him to leave.

Sending away Willmore was more difficult. Cecelia feared his mental illness would put him at greater risk outside the family structure. Still, she felt a kind of triage was necessary to save her younger siblings. "It took a year before he was finally gone," she says. "I'd ask him to leave and then I'd take him back."

Today both brothers live in homeless shelters. Delvin still visits his family, coming for meals and to see his children, who often stay with their maternal grandmother nearby. Willmore appears less frequently. Neither brother attends the weekly family meetings.

Cecelia's responsibilities multiplied. During her mother's illness, she had distanced herself from Guthrie, deciding that she had to devote herself to the youngest members of her family and that she had no time for a boyfriend. But in the months after her mother's death, she and Guthrie rekindled the relationship, and Cecelia became pregnant. Her decision was immediate: She would become a mother and a wife, and she would do so with economy. On the day Cecelia and Guthrie married, they traveled south to the town of Brockton, where two blood tests were \$35 and a marriage license was \$50. In Boston the blood tests alone would have cost \$120. The couple's honeymoon lasted one night and was spent in Brockton's Holiday Inn. "I was only 21, and I already had one family to raise," Cecelia says. "Gus [Guthrie] and me, we had talked about someday starting our own. So I just took it upon myself to see this pregnancy as a gift. We eloped and then we got our gift. Shayla was born right on Christmas Day."

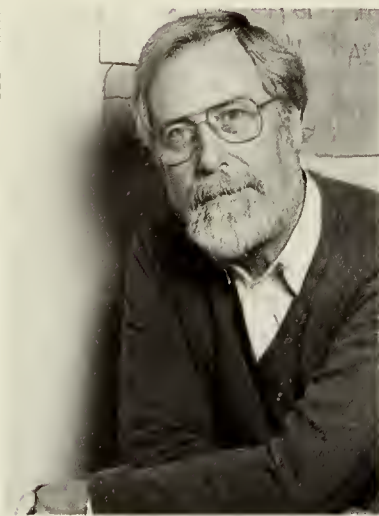
With the child came an epiphany: Cecelia's responsibilities would not end when her siblings finished high school. They would last a lifetime. Now a mother, a wife and a guardian of three, she felt she needed a college degree more than ever. She had been out of school for a year. She



# THE TRANSFORMER

"Work with our best," Boston parents told George Ladd. And he has.

GEOFF WHY



George Ladd

George Ladd with answering that question, and the president promised institutional support—and money—if Ladd found a solution.

Ladd went to work. Meeting with Boston community leaders and parents, he heard a repeated refrain: Parents wanted a way to keep more of the city's brightest students in public schools. "Work with our best," Ladd recalls parents saying. "We need kids who will act as role models, kids who will come back and let our students know what they have done." He designed a program that would help public schools retain their high-achievers, while preparing those students for a BC education. He called it College Bound.

Students who completed the program, graduated from high school and earned admission to BC would receive full-tuition, four-year scholarships. In 1988, Ladd extended this offer to a group of eighth-grade students who soon would be attending Hyde Park and West Roxbury high schools—schools that ranked among the city's lowest performers on standardized tests. Twenty-seven students enrolled.

The program's first goal was to raise expectations. "When, as a teacher, you are continually in front of kids who don't care, who aren't looking ahead, who show no interest in what you have to offer, you are beaten down and you lower your expectations," says Ladd. "By putting kids who are urgent about learning, kids who are going to go to college and are demanding—in a good way—in the classroom, we are bringing high expectations back. We are getting teachers excited again."

The students found a sense of belonging to a group that had real prospects. Hazel Francette, '96, was a member of that inaugural class. "We would study to-

In the mid-1980s then-University President J. Donald Monan, SJ, looked at Boston's public-school system: SAT scores were dismal. Teachers were disheartened. The most promising students were leaving—if they had the choice. BC had a first-rate School of Education. How could it help? Monan charged Education Professor

gether and spend our Saturdays and time in the summer together," she says. "Other kids always wanted to know what was going on with us."

What was going on was hard work. College Bound students took advanced-placement and honors courses. They were required to maintain B averages and a 95 percent attendance record, and to participate in community-service and other extracurricular activities. On alternate Saturdays and for two weeks each summer, they attended classes at BC, an experience that for many would one day ease the transition to college life.

For Ladd, too, the experience was transforming. "One thing that is really important is to talk to these kids about their lives," he says. "They don't have a lot of adults who talk to them about their lives, their schoolwork, their families." A gruff, old-school-style teacher, Ladd had worked with BC undergraduates since 1969, offering courses in teacher education and science education. Now he found himself mentor to boys and girls who would otherwise have had little chance of being undergraduates at all. He bolstered their flagging spirits, pushed them when things got easy and picked them up on Saturdays when they missed the bus.

Still, the program's success has been tempered by attrition. College Bound dropped one student after he threatened a classmate on a bus—with a knife. Another participant became pregnant at age 14 and dropped out. "That hurt," says Ladd. "She was one of our brightest." Others moved away. By 1992, the year the first students were to graduate from high school, their ranks had dwindled to 17.

The program had funding troubles, too, losing a major sponsor in the early 1990s, when Bank of New England closed its doors. Only the charter class received full-tuition scholarships to BC. To later classes, Ladd promised, "You are going to college. And you are going to have a free ride if you do the work we demand."

He's made good on that promise. A decade after College Bound was founded, some 70 students have completed the program, securing almost \$6 million in scholarship offers to such colleges as BC, MIT, Holy Cross, Georgetown, Wellesley and the University of Vermont. And to gauge his success, Ladd need look no further than the original class. Of the 17 students who completed the program, 15 enrolled at BC. Eight received diplomas in 1996, four in 1997 and one—Cecelia Dixon—graduated this spring.

*Suzanne Keating*



would keep her job. She would raise her infant. And she would return to college.

**When the family** meeting draws to a close, Cecelia remains at the table for a few moments. Outside, the project falls quiet. Inside, laundry thumps in the dryer as the lights snap out in the bedrooms upstairs.

The cramped space of her apartment is home to armfuls of dreams. Kervin says he wants to be an architect, a graphic designer, an accountant; he is enrolled in the John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science, one of Boston's exam high schools. Rosa is graduating from the Margaret E. Fuller Elementary School and is set on becoming, as she puts it, "an author." Noel aspires to be a computer expert or a politician, and has been accepted to Cathedral Academy in Roxbury for the fall. Guthrie Smith, who spends his days caring for Shayla, says he plans to get a certificate in computer programming.

For her part, Cecelia's immediate ambitions are simple. She intends to parlay her accounting degree into a better-paying job in banking and eventually to provide financial services to low-income families and single mothers. She also hopes to secure a low-interest, subsidized mortgage and move her family from Academy Homes to a triple-decker, perhaps in Jamaica Plain. There, she will reunite the family, allowing Delvin and Willmore to occupy one apartment while she and Guthrie would live with the children in another. They'd rent out the last unit to help pay the mortgage. "This way I'll at least know where my brothers are laying their heads at night," she says. "I'll know if they are eating."

Cecelia, her BC coursework now complete, has kept her promise. A review of her budget shows how difficult it has been. Each month she brings home \$1,993, including \$1,430 in wages from the Neighborhood Assistance Corporation loan office and \$533 in benefits from Social Security and Aid

to Families with Dependent Children. In turn, she pays out \$600 for rent, \$150 for electricity and telephone service, about \$600 for groceries, \$80 for Pampers, \$80 for transportation, another \$100 for miscellaneous expenses such as field trips, books, ingredients for a school bake sale, \$1,610 in all. The remaining \$383 covers clothing for the children and other expenses. By fall Cecelia will be dispensing another \$200 a month for Noel's tuition at Cathedral Academy. A few dollars are squirreled away for the triple-decker. "Cha-ching, cha-ching," she says, mimicking the sound of a cash register. "It takes a lot of management. It's about maintaining cash flow, knowing billing cycles, knowing which bills can wait and which must be paid. This is just

an example: You don't pay until the very last day a bill is due, to make sure you aren't tying up any money that could be used for something more immediate. And you've got to save too, just a little bit if that's all you have."

Saving means no movies, no meals out, no bus rides when the distance is short enough to walk. "What I buy in terms of clothing for myself is always strictly bargains," she says. "I never spend more than \$10 for something.

I'm still wearing sweaters

and things from middle school." When it comes to Kervin, Noel and Rosa, Cecelia sometimes permits small extravagances, like Noel's BC T-shirt. "These kids have no car, no nice home, no nice trips. But they are good kids. They help out as much as they can. If sometimes they want \$50 sneakers, I'll try to make it so they can have them."

Around her, her mother's children sleep. And Cecelia Dixon is planning an extravagant expense for herself: \$15 to rent a graduation gown, and \$4 for a gold and maroon tassel. She is also planning to relax the family rules. She will bring her siblings to graduation, and let them see the campus in full flower. For Rosa, the youngest in the family, it will be the only day of school she has ever missed.

With the child came an epiphany: Cecelia's responsibilities would not end when her siblings finished high school. Now a wife, a mother and a guardian of three, she needed a college degree more than ever.



**APOLOGIA** Over the last 35 or 40 years film criticism has developed its own identity as a serious academic discipline and has moved from an early Marxist preoccupation with the dominant economic order to the more contemporary issues of social class, ethnic identity, race and gender. Despite this movement, however, there remains an unarticulated assumption that one never raises the issues of belief systems or religious values when discussing films or filmmakers. For example, in

reading the literature I can discover a great deal about Francis Ford Coppola, from his fights with the studios to the effects of his son's death on his life and even the trauma he suffered because of his large lower lip. But I have yet

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HEROES IN DESPAIR:  
(clockwise from top left)  
John Doe prepares to jump,  
George Bailey contemplates  
bank failure, Mr. Deeds  
refuses to defend himself,  
and whistle-blower Mr. Smith  
realizes his constituents  
don't believe him.

# IT'S A *dangerous*





# LIFE

THE UNKNOWN CAPRA



to find any reference to his churchgoing or religious instruction as a child. The question is simply not asked by interviewers. Nor is it acceptable to ask whether his films reflect a sense of good and evil or a sacramental or sacred notion of material being that might be shaped by his Catholic experience, whatever that was.

I am not a religious fanatic. Although I have outgrown several black clerical suits in my 40 years as a Jesuit, I've never worn one out, and my idea of hell is being locked in a small dark room with a television set that carries only Mother Angelica. But just as the most militant atheist has to accept the validity of raising religious questions in the study of medieval cathedrals or Dante's poetry, so do we all have to deal with these questions in the study of American popular cinema, where religious influences may be less obvious but in my opinion are still important.

**THE LITTLE MAN** The essential American filmmaker Frank Capra was born Francesco Rosario Capra in Sicily on May 18, 1897, and arrived in California when he was six. He had little religious instruction as a child or as an adult, and looked upon education generally not as an opportunity to enrich his life but as the path to a good job. As a young man Capra attended Catholic services on occasion—he called himself a “Christmas Catholic”—but he gradually drifted away, convinced, as he writes in his autobiography, that “religion is for losers.” His civil marriage to a divorced Jewish woman in 1923 seemed to end his formal relationship with the Church.

After a short stint in the military, Capra became a farm laborer and attended engineering college. But, like many a young Californian, he saw opportunity in the burgeoning film business, eventually becoming a gag writer for Mack Sennett. After stints with Hal Roach and Harry Langdon in the early 1920s, Capra went on to direct Jean Harlow in *Platinum Blonde* and Barbara Stanwyck in *Ladies of Leisure*. Both films were commercial successes, but Capra's breakthrough film was *It Happened One Night*, which made Clark Gable a star, swept all five of the Academy Awards that were

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his career  
by death,  
and most  
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suicide.*

awarded in 1934, launched screwball comedy as a Hollywood staple, and torpedoed sales of undershirts when Gable showed the world that he didn't wear one.

And then came a conversion moment. Capra became desperately ill and had to undergo several operations. Soon afterward, his second wife gave birth to a child who showed signs of severe retardation. The boy died during a simple operation that doctors believed would relieve his hearing loss. During this difficult time, Capra attended Christian Science meetings—the notion of mind-over-matter appealed to him—but he never made a serious commitment to the Christian Science faith.

In this period of distress, Capra recalled in his autobiography, he experienced an apparition in which “a little man” told him that his films should “contain a message of hope” for their audiences. Capra's vision may have been a fantasy spawned of fever and medication, by the grief of a bereft father or the self-doubt of an artist, or it could simply have been an uneasy conscience rebuking the dirt-poor Sicilian kid for building his remarkable financial success on frivolous romantic comedies.

What is interesting to me about this episode is that despite his repudiation of Catholicism in his own life, Capra, as illustrated by this apparition, retained that easy relationship between the natural and supernatural order that is so characteristic of Catholics, with their devotion to saints and angels as messengers of the Divinity. Furthermore, the little man is surprisingly worldly in a Catholic way. He doesn't tell Capra to read the Bible or to be baptized in the Spirit, but rather to make better pictures, a mission of some importance not in the next world but in this one.

**DEATH WISHES** That link or step between this world and the next is, in fact, one of the central themes in many of Capra's successful serious films. In fact, when one looks at the Capra films as a unit, the way we old unreconstructed auteur critics do, one discovers some surprising things. Most shocking is that the sunniest of America's feel-good directors, the Norman

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Thomas J. MacDonald CGSOM '63 wrote in to let us know that **James F. Kelly** is alive and well and living at the Hunt Community in Nashua, NH. Tom writes: "JFK, as he is affectionately called, is a daily communicant at Immaculate Conception Church. He drives his own car, is a great dancer, and has an eye for the ladies—provided they are under 70. Jim is the retired director of personnel for the Commonwealth of Mass. He is as sharp as a tack with an infectious sense of humor. At 93, he still travels extensively and is an accomplished organist."

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A note from **Fréd L'Ecuyer** contains the sad news that Marguerite Nolan, widow of our late classmate, **Doc Nolan**, was killed in an automobile accident on the Cape. The condolences of the Class are extended to her family. • **John Jake Healey**, a retired principal in the Somerville

school department, now resides at 1710 Lake Worth Rd., Lake Worth, FL 33460. In a recent letter, he tells me he is so appreciative of the education he received at BC, and that his memory is kept alive by reading each issue of the *BCM*. He especially likes the 1928 Class notes. I am certain that he would appreciate hearing from any member of our Class. • Recently a member of the BC Development team had lunch with **Frank Phelan** at the Palm Beach Club and reports that Frank is now almost fully recovered from his physical set back and is functioning normally. • Seventy years have passed since we received our degrees from BC; as a Class we are most thankful for having been the recipients of such an outstanding education. Happy 70th anniversary to all!

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*Editor's note:* We are sad to report that **Robert T. Hughes**, long-time correspondent for the Class of '29, passed away on Sun., April 26 at the age of 91. Born in Boston, Bob lived in Wellesley for the past 49 years. He attended English High School in Boston, BC and BU Law School, where he received a J.D. in '32. He worked as deputy chief of probation for the Boston Municipal Court and

was a partner in the law firm of Nolan, Nolan and Hughes of Boston. Bob was a member of the Boston Bar, the Mass. Bar and the Supreme Court Bar. Bob was a trustee of the Wellesley Free Library, director of the Wellesley Friendly Aid Society and was a Wellesley Town Meeting member for more than 40 years. He served with the Navy during World War II as a lieutenant commander at Pearl Harbor. We offer heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Virginia (Graham); his three daughters, Nancy of Long Valley, NJ, Ellen Quinn of Wellesley and Robin Stineman of Darien, CT; and to his five grandchildren.

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As usual, the McCarthys spent Feb. and March in Naples, FL. While we escaped a little ice and snow, we ran into some side effects of El Nino which plagued parts of the south. Nothing serious in Naples, however. • One of the advantages of BC in our day was that friendships were not limited to one's immediate class but included many in '27, '28 and '29. I am therefore sad to inform you that Bob Hughes '29 of Wellesley died the last week of April after a long illness. He wrote the '29 class

notes and will always be remembered for his unfailing cheerfulness and good nature. May he rest in peace. • **Bill Butler** wrote me to tell of the death of Alice Wells, wife of **Nick Wells**. You must remember the party which Nick and **Tom Perkins** and their wives hosted for the Class a few years ago. A wonderful gathering! Our deepest sympathy goes to Nick on the loss of Alice. • **Rev. Victor C.P. Joe Donovan** wrote to tell me that if we can't afford a trip to Rome for the elevation of Edith Stein, we can always visit the shrine at 303 Tunxis Road, W. Hartford, CT at any time. • Finally, by the time you are reading this effusion, my pride and joy No. 8 grandchild, Heather Maria Welch, will have graduated from BC on May 18, 1998. She spent the second semester of her junior year at Galway Univ., Ireland. She is a lot smarter and better looking than her old grandfather.

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With sadness we report the death of four of our classmates. **William Bennett** died this past Nov. Upon his retirement from General Electric, Bill and his wife, Mary, moved

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from Winthrop to Gloucester to be nearer the ocean and to enjoy their hobby of sailing. Incidentally, Mary and my wife, Lillian, were classmates at Emmanuel. **Paul Eaton** died April 15. Paul retired from AT&T, but for several years following his retirement he remained a trustee of the Telephone Workers Credit Union. He is survived by his wife, Edith, five sons and a daughter. **William H. Wallace** died on Dec. 10, 1997. He retired to Dennis on Cape Cod. Bill survived his wife by a few years. **James F. Feeney** died Feb. 9, having survived his wife, Mary. He is survived by seven sons and two daughters, 15 grandchildren and a great grandson. Also surviving is his brother, Rev. William H. Feeney, SJ '35. The Class extends its prayers and condolences to the respective families. • **Rev. William Donlon** is convalescing at St. Patrick's Manor and would appreciate receiving cards or notes. • The Class is honored by the generosity of **Mike Curran** who annually is listed as a member of the President's Circle. • A matter of personal pride, your correspondent proudly reports that his granddaughter, Melissa A. Stone, received her MSW from BC School of Social Work. Missy has been appointed as an administrator for a satellite of the Commonwealth for the counseling and care for mentally handicapped. • The Class extends its appreciation to John Wissler upon his retirement as Executive Director of the Alumni Association. • I look forward to hearing from you, so I may include your name and news here.

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Two prominent members of the class, **Dan Driscoll** and **Emil Romanowsky**, died March 26 and April 13 respectively. Dan was the supervising manager of the State Division of Employment and Security for 48 years. He was the first president of the Mass. Young Democrats, and he also served as chairman of the Saugus finance committee for five years. His extracurricular activities included president of the Lynn Boys Club, the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus. He was also former chairman of the Greater Lynn Industrial Development Commission. Dan leaves his wife, Marguerite; five sons, Daniel J.

III, David F., John A., Robert E., Stephen T.; and two daughters, Marybeth Wonson and Martha Healey. He is also survived by his brother, Edward '32, 31 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. The funeral mass for Dan was celebrated at St. Margaret's Church in Saugus. • **Emil Romanowsky** died at his home in Lowell after a lengthy illness Mon., April 13. He and his wife, Lillian Drapeau Romanowsky, would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 22. Prior to his retirement in 1973, Emil was the purchasing agent for the South Lowell Raytheon Plant. Emil had three dominant loves: his Catholic faith, his family and BC, where he was an outstanding tackle for four years on the Eagle football team. Emil was thrilled to learn that his grandson, Andrew Romanowsky, will be carrying on the hallowed tradition set by his grandfather some 65 years ago. Andrew's high school football prowess was known by recruiters from coast to coast—and with good reason. In its 23rd annual scholar-athlete selections, the Eastern Mass. Chapter of the National Football Foundation picked Andrew as one of only 22 recipients to be so honored. Emil's funeral Mass was very special. A longtime family friend, Father Beauregard, was the Mass celebrant, with seven other priests as concelebrants. Emil's other hail alma mater song, the "*Ave Maria*," was sung in tribute to his daily saying of the rosary for over 75 years. Besides his wife, survivors include: four sons, Robert, Eric, Mark and Michael, all medical doctors; two daughters, Ann, a speech therapist, and Sandra, a registered dietitian. In summary, I quote Matt Wickenheiser, who said it best when he wrote in the *Lowell Sun*, "If a man's life is best gauged by the family he leaves behind, then Emil Romanowsky was a man enriched beyond measure." • Lastly, we extend our very best to John Wissler in his retirement years, and a thousand welcomes to the incoming Kathleen O'Toole. Kathleen, may your stay be long, happy and productive.

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**Rev. John Mike Donelan** suffered a stroke in fall '97. He is presently

residing in the rehab unit at St. Patrick's Manor, 863 Central St., Framingham, 01701. Drop him a line. • **Rev. John J. Sullivan, SJ** entered the Jesuits in Sept. '35—63 years ago. He was ordained in '44 and has been in Jamaica for 52 years; six years teaching, six years as rector at St. George's College in Kingston; 18 years as editor of the Catholic newspaper and 20 years as a parish priest. John was secretary of our senior class. You can write him at 36 Hopefield Ave, P.O. Box 276, Kingston 6 Jamaica, WI. • **John Fitzgerald** has been associated with Notre Dame for most of his life, first as an assistant professor in philosophy before the war, and since 1945, in various assignments including VP for graduate studies. During World War II, he served for three years in the Navy in various assignments: on the staff of Nimitz at Pearl Harbor, and as a communications officer with the French, relating to Algiers and Corsica. He was also involved in the French landing. He is in quiet retirement with his wife in South Bend. • **Jim Powers**, retired from a career in education that spanned classroom teacher of French and Latin, principal of a secondary school, director of foreign language and bilingual education for a city school system, and specialist in foreign language teaching at the state and federal levels, is now in his 13th year as president of the Civic Symphony Orchestra of Boston. At age 85 he is also an active member of the first violin section of that orchestra and of Wellesley Symphony Orchestra. He is resident violinist at St. Denis Church, Westwood, where he is also a frequent lector. • **Dick McGivern**, long-time Quincy resident is pretty much confined to his home with failing eyesight and heart ailments. He is still alert and fortunate to have his wife healthy and able to watch over him. Say hello to him at 334 Sea St., Quincy, MA 02169.

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**Neal Holland**, when he manages to get off the golf course in Yarmouth, sings in the church choir and has even taken to writing music again. He is a member of ASCAP. He studied piano under **Ted Marier**, who still holds the chair in liturgical music at Catholic Univ. and is back and

forth from Washington to Belmont. • **Alphonse Ike Ezmunt** reports from Florida that all is well; he is still elated from his recent visit to the college. • **George Jiggs Keleher** is back and forth between Florida and Yarmouthport. • **Herbert A. Kenny's** popular book, *Cape Ann/Cape America*, about his North Shore stomping grounds, has been republished for the 375th anniversary of the City of Gloucester. The book was first published 30 years ago. • Volunteers are needed to help plan our 65th anniversary year. Dotage disbars your class reporter from such a committee. **J.T. Lenahan O'Connell** has been recommended to head it. Class members are asked to write or call me as to what they would like to do to commemorate.

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**John Griffin** continues to grab headlines. He was named all-star center fielder in the over 65 league on the Cape, sponsored by the Funeral Directors of Cape Cod. The award was a free parachute jump. • **Walter Sullivan** did another super job as chairman of the Laetare Sunday gathering. That heavy March snowstorm, however, changed a lot of peoples' plans. Reservations had been made by the Dan Hollands, the Ray Perrys, the Ed Sullivans, the Walter Sullivans and the Dick Vaughans, as well as Dib DeStefano and Bill Hannon. Only two couples, however, made it through the snow: Mona and **Dan Holland**, who live close by; and Annie and **Ed Sullivan**, who have a level driveway and a four-wheel drive Subaru. Regrets were received from Bob Huddy, Frank Sullivan, Tom Ryan, Bob Mead and Ernie Coury. • **Henry Ohrenberger**, who held up one side of the line in that incredibly tough two-way football of the '30s, has had some physical reversals and has resigned from the volleyball team. Since Henry lost his wife, Ann, he has been living with the family of his son, Henry, Jr., at 16 John McQuinn Circle in Framingham, where three early-teenaged grandchildren need a grandfather's wisdom and keep life interesting. Henry, Jr. '71 is with the Department of Justice, doing important and interesting work. • **Pete McCauley** died last year on July 14 at the Soldiers Home in Chelsea



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after 11 years of almost total disability. You probably remember him as a small, tough member of the football squad, but he was much more than that. During his junior and senior years at BC, he organized and coached football and baseball teams at St. Columbkille's High School. He worked without pay, but his reward came in a wonderful way. His best friend and daily visitor during his long years of confinement was the star of his first football team, Bob McGovern '40. His other faithful visitor, his brother, Rev. Leo McCauley, SJ, unfortunately predeceased him. Pete fought a good fight all the way. • In the winter edition last, we spoke about seeking out **Ernie Coury** and finding him in poor health, but cared for by a cheerful wife, Marjorie. Sorry to report that Ernie died March 26. The Courys had no children, but the funeral Mass was celebrated by a godson, Rev. Edward Nedder, a Maronite priest. Marjorie, incidentally, told us how much our little write-up pleased Ernie. • **Jim Lynes** died Jan. 17. His wife, Christine, found some consolation from the fact that he was buried from St. Coleman's in Brockton, the same church where he had served as an altar boy, and where his son, James, Jr., was ordained a priest. Father James said the Mass. • Space restrictions do not allow us to give adequate coverage to the loss of three other classmates: **Al Luppi**, **Charlie Callahan** and **Tom Dunlap**, but we will get to that in the next edition.

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Laetare Sunday in March was one of the very few days it snowed last winter. You know that old saying, "no hill too steep, no snow too deep..." Well, Gerry and **Jack McLaughlin**, **Joe Killian** and his son and daughter-in-law did make it to the breakfast. On the other hand, **George Mahoney**, **Steve Hart** and his brother, who planned to go, were snow bound and unable to make it. A high five to the McLaughlins and the Killians. • Sorry to have to report that **Msgr. John Speed Carroll** died in April. After retiring as pastor of St. John the Evangelist parish in Swampscott and 20 years of CYO work, the Monsignor had been living at Regina Cleri. The Cardinal

said the funeral Mass, and **Bishop Larry Riley** was on the altar. **Frank Hilbrunner** was at the Mass, as I'm sure other classmates were. You are asked to remember *Speed* and his family in your prayers. Just a few weeks prior to his death, the Cardinal honored him and two other priests at the annual Chrism Mass luncheon for his outstanding priestly career. • You are also asked to remember in your prayers **Charles Navin**, brother of **Father Tom**, who died in June. • The annual Class luncheon in May again was a success thanks to **Brendon Shea**. We enjoyed a social hour prior to the luncheon; on our invitation, retiring Executive Director of the Alumni Association **John Wissler '57** spoke for a few minutes updating us on the status and plans for the Alumni Association. The luncheon group wished John the very best on his retirement. **Bishop Riley** opened the luncheon, leading us in grace and in prayer for **Msgr. Carroll** and all our deceased classmates. He also gave benediction at the close of the luncheon. **Brendon Shea** and **Joe Keating** made a few opening remarks—none earth shattering—and then the waiters and **Jack McLaughlin's** music maker took over. Our thanks to Jack for again arranging for the piano music. Those attending were: **Al** and **Julie Burgoyne**, **Gerry** and **Grace Burke**, **Joe Clougherty**, **Dr. Bob** and **Rita Condon**, **Frank** and **Marion Delear**, **Frank** and **Dorothy Hilbrunner**, **John** and **Virginia Haggerty**, **Joe** and **Mary Keating**, **Bernie** and **Mary Kelley**, **John** and **Helen Kilderry**, **George Mahoney**, **Jack** and **Gerry McLaughlin**, **Bishop Larry Riley**, **Charlie** and **Kay Sampson** and **Brendon** and **Mary Shea**. We were very pleased to have join us **Mary Dunn**, **Shirley Tracy** and **Eileen Shaughnessy**, who was accompanied by her son, **Dan**, famed sportswriter for the *Boston Globe*. As always, the luncheon was a fun time to meet, see, mingle and talk with old friends. • I had a nice letter from **George Goodwin** in Ft. Lauderdale, FL who wanted to be remembered to all. I also heard from **John Fiumaro**, who has moved from College Station to **Byran, TX**.

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We thank the Alumni Association for hosting the 60th Anniversary for our Class of 1938. On Wed., June 3, Fr. Paul Messer of the BC English department celebrated our 11 a.m. Mass at the Chapel of the Most Blessed Trinity on Newton Campus. Following Mass, we attended a luncheon reception at Barat House next door. In attendance were the following class members and their wives: **John Castelli**, **Tony DiNatale**, **John Dromey**, **Thomas Feeley**, **Daniel Foley**, **Joseph Horne**, **John Janusas**, **Paul Kelly**, **Joseph Marshall**, **Paul Mulkern** and **Herb Scannell**. In addition to the couples mentioned were: **Charles Kimball**, **John King**, **Peter Kirsliis**, **Tom O'Connor**, **Paul Schultz's** widow, **Dorothy**, and **Bill Finan**. A few who planned to attend but were unable due to last minute minor emergencies were: **Bill Bergen's** widow, **Carolyn**, **Vincent Crowley**, **Bill Prior** and wife **Sheila**, and **Tom True's** widow, **Ruth**. Unable to attend but wanting to send their best wishes to all class members were: **Frank Albani**, **Rev. Richard Burke**, **Paul Donaher**, **James Donovan**, **Dr. Thomas Greene**, **James Kissell**, **Bryon Leary**, **Ralph Luise's** widow, **Olympia**, **Francis Mackey**, **John Mannix**, **James McCarthy**, **Tom McFarland**, **Dr. Thomas McNamara**, **Gerard Michaud**, **Laurence Mullin**, **Rev. John Murphy**, **Jim Regan's** widow, **Mary**, **Frank Ryan** and **Mrs. Eugene Sales**. The luncheon reception was a warm, spirited affair with much chatter, laughter and table-to-table bantering. No one was in a hurry to leave as each classmate rose to say a few words. It was an occasion to treasure.

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We are sad to report the recent deaths of **Rev. John Driscoll** and **Nancy Norberg**. Fr. John was the long time Dean of GSSW and, more recently, the untiring director of SSW's Alumni Affairs. Many of us will recall John not only as a wonderful priest, devoted friend, and

successful administrator but as student organist at our Masses in Bapst Auditorium. Sadly, too, we must report the death of **Nancy Norberg**, widow of **George Norberg**, and a long-time regular at Class get togethers. We will keep them both in our prayers. • On the happier side, many of us attended the spring events. Icy roads and the flight of snow birds to Florida reduced attendance at Laetare Sunday in March, but **Stephanie** and **Joe Tuscher** managed to skid down from **Monroe, NY** to join **Florence** and **Paul Keane**, **Peter Kerr**, **Mary** and **John Donovan**, and **Ann** and **Frank Sennott**. The better weather in April swelled the numbers at the fantastic production of the "*Secret Garden*". Those present included: **Dr. Al** and **Anne Branca**, **Herb** and **Beryl Chernak**, **Dr. Saul** and **Marilyn Davis**, **John** and **Mary Donovan**, **Jane** and **Nelson Erickson**, **Elinor Hart**, **Flo** and **Paul Keane**, **Peter Kerr**, **Elaine** and **John Lynch**, **Norma** and **John MacDonnell**, **Gina McCarthy**, **Mary** and **Jim McGrath**, **Fred Molloy**, **Marie Murphy**, **Natalie** and **Charlie Murphy**, **Barbara** and **Dr. Ed Quinn**, and **Mary** and **Dr. Arthur Sullivan**. It was a pleasant evening for all. **Paul Keane** announced upbeat projections for our big 60th Anniversary in June '99. **John Lynch** responded to Paul's invitation by volunteering to chair the planning committee. More details to follow. • It was great to see **Dr. Saul Davis**. Saul reports that he retired after 40 years as an internist in Brockton. Full-time retirement proved less attractive than anticipated, however, so he now practices at a slower pace as a cosmetic surgeon. Now listen up: this has proved to be a hair-raising experience for Saul because his specialization is reforesting balding skulls. Interested classmates will be able to work out substantial discounts while improving their aging images and sex appeal. • It was gratifying to learn that two more classmates were honored by **Alma Mater**. BC's *Chronicle* announced that the **William J. Flynn Fund** for student scholarships will replace **Blue Chips** as the major channel for contributions to support athletic programs. This is another well deserved recognition of **Bill's** central role in upgrading BC's athletic programs. It also honors **Dr. Al Branca**, who founded **Blue Chips** in '69 and, as its chairman for nearly 25 years, orchestrated **Blue Chips'** growth to \$23 million contributed by **Blue Chips** members over these years. Happily, the Varsity Club recognized these achievements in '81 by



inducting him into the Hall of Fame, and in '93, by placing a plaque in Conte Forum that truthfully notes "His leadership, loyalty, generosity of spirit, and devotion to the constant quest for excellence have honored the Jesuit ideals and noblest traditions of his Alma Mater." Fate somehow played a hand in this partnership of Bill Flynn and Al Branca. They were friends growing up in Dorchester, parted during their high school days, only to be reunited at BC to our good luck and the College's. • We are happy, too, to acknowledge some positive suggestions from **Nelson Erickson** on increasing classmates' participation in these annual gatherings. • We learned from Paul Keane that regards were received from Ann Donovan, Eleanor Hennessey, Mrs. David Fitzgerald, Larry Fitzgerald, Walter Grady, Robert McDermott, Ann Peyton, Joe Sammartino and Msgr. Joseph Teletchea. • Keep calling and writing.

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Many of you continue to ask about **Dan Griffin**. Dan has experienced a couple of strokes in the past year, the latest of which, unfortunately, has left Dan with some incapacities. Dan has been an active officer of our Class, and we all appreciate the service he has done for the Class of 1940. Please keep him and Marion in your prayers. • Our 21st annual Mass of Petition was held Ascension Thursday, May 21, and as always, was a beautiful liturgy followed by a pleasant lunch, with sociability and camaraderie. **Rev. Paul Nash, SJ** was the principal celebrant, and **Msgr. Bill Granville** delivered a most relevant and timely homily. We are most grateful to these Classmate clergy for their dedication over the years to us and our families. The event was well attended. We had all of our "regulars," and we were happy to welcome other classmates whose faces we enjoyed seeing again: Mimi and **Herb Flynn** from New Seabury; Dot and **Murray Lyons** from Peabody; Eileen and **Bob Picardi** from McLean, VA and **Bob McGovern** from Jamaica Plain. We were also pleased that two of our widows brought other family members along: Marie Cadegan was accompanied by her three daughters,

Val, Margaret and Elizabeth. Mary Hillberg brought her daughter, Carol. We would like to encourage all our Classmates and their widows to do the same—after all, the Class of 1940 has always been a family-oriented organization, and as the years go by, we have become even more closely knit. • We have sad news to report. Two of our beloved Classmates have passed away in the past few weeks: **Tom Ford and Jim Supple**. Tom had been ailing after several years of hospitalizations, but was aided by Mary's loving care. He finally went to his peaceful reward on March 26. Jim had been taking chemotherapy over a long period, and on May 30, he went to his heavenly home surrounded by his wife, Betty, his children and his grandchildren. Please remember Tom and Mary, and Jim and Betty and their families in your prayers. • Class president **Bill Joy** announced that the post of Class treasurer has been turned over to **Ed Nagle** of Pittsfield. • After serving 11 years as Class treasurer, and having chaired most reunions, **John Foristall** has given up these endeavors. "It's time to bring in a new approach and utilize the special talents of others in our Class," said John. "I will continue to retain my close association with my Classmates, and am looking forward to our millennium 60th anniversary reunion!" • The Class is most appreciative of the service of these classmates, and we congratulate Ed on his new assignment.

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The year recently concluded experienced a noticeable increase in the interest of several more classmates. Perhaps as the years become fewer, the renewal of friendships becomes more precious. • The memorial Mass and luncheon, held on Newton campus June 9, was heartening for several reasons—our attendance approached 60, a few of whom were invited guests, along with John Wissler, retiring Executive Director of the Alumni Association, our guest of honor. In attendance were: Msgr. Abucewicz, John Bagley, Harry Boltz, Msgr. Tom Finnegan, Jr., Len Frisoli, Tom Donlan, Bishop Joseph Maguire, Rev. Simeon Saulanas, Warren Heffernan, Fred Jaquith, Bob Sliney, John Colahan,

Frank Galvani, Tom Galligan, Rev. Jim Rogers, Dan Doyle, Fran Blouin, Walt Dubzinski, Jack Kehoe, Rev. Ed Cowhig, John Hayes, Charlie O'Rourke, Jack Callahan, George Kerivan, Jim Kiely, Len McDermott, John Jantse, Vin Lyness, Bill Brewin, Nick Sottile, George McManama, Ruth Jones and Mary Daley. Regrettably a few who made reservations were unable to join us, including: George Hanlon, Frank Hegarty, Ernie Blaustein, Charlie Polcari and Jim Murray. BC president Rev. William Leahy was invited but could not attend because of prior out-of-state commitments. Highlighting the luncheon was John Wissler, whose untiring efforts and talents for 31 years have given us an Alumni Association that is the envy of many. **Jim Kiely** presented John with a gift certificate to his favorite Boston restaurant, a modest token of appreciation for his many years of service. • Our Laetare Sunday observance on March 22 convened another sizable attendance, including: Bob and Theresa Sliney, Frank and Madelaine Galvani, Joe and Mary McCafferty, George and Rita Kerivan, John Jansen, Sam Colamari, Warren Heffernan, Jack Callahan, and Nick and Mary Sottile. Unfortunately, a surprise ice storm precluded several classmates from traveling to campus. • It's only appropriate that we observe a moment of remembrance for our classmates (and spouses) who have passed away. Our prayers are extended to the families of: Joe Ed Minihan, John Roarke, Leo Brown, Fred Gibney, John Bowes, Vin Millbury, Bill Maguire, Al Nyran, Jim McLaughlin, and the wives of two classmates, Kathleen Kehoe and Simone Colahan. Belatedly, we learned of the death of Bishop Joe Maguire's brother-in-law, Philip Waystack. Our condolences and prayers are offered to Bishop Joe and his sister on the occasion of their loss. • Thanks to several anonymous donors who made contributions to the treasury as they submitted their reservations for our functions. • The standing committee welcomes **Jack Kehoe** as its newest member. We can look forward to valuable insights and suggestions from one with extensive public experience. • **Charlie O'Rourke** is apparently grooming future Tiger Woods for professional golf tournaments. He's been running a golf school for young hopefuls, 6 to 14 years of age, in six-week sessions. Hopefully, Charlie finds time to hone his own golfing skills, lest his protégés overtake him. • **Fran Blouin** proudly informs us of the

valuable scholarly research his son, Fran Jr., is performing on behalf of the Vatican Library. For centuries, important Church documents have lain in the dust on Vatican shelves because of antiquated methods of accessibility to their contents. Thanks to Fran Jr.'s professional expertise as an archivist-librarian at Univ. of Michigan, scholars can now reap the rewards of computer-based routines for unfolding the treasures of the Church. • One unfortunate note: on the day of our annual luncheon, **Bill Brewin** suffered a mishap as he proceeded to the chapel. Losing his footing, Bill fell to the ground and sustained pelvic and rib injuries. At this writing we have been informed he is on the mend. Get well soon, Bill. • Shortly, you'll receive a letter and response card seeking updated information about your whereabouts and activities from me. Please complete and return at your first convenience. We need a backlog of newsworthy copy for upcoming issues.

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On a beautiful June 1st, our Class gathered for our 56th annual reunion. Our venerable **Rev. Dan Barrett** presided at the memorial Mass and supervised our famous deacon, **Frank D'Ambrosio**, and our class children, Rev. Tom Maguire and Rev. Tom Stanton. There were about 60 at lunch, including 36 graduates, widows and guests. Our esteemed chancellor, Rev. J. Donald Monan, SJ, spoke eloquently as usual, and left the message that the school is healthy and strong. This is due in no small part to his strong leadership for 24 years. Breaking bread together was most enjoyable. We talked and talked, realizing that the most important factor in our lives now are embodied in those two Latin words "carpe diem." • Some interesting statistics, according to BC Alumni Records: as of May 1, 120 of our classmates are known to be deceased out of a graduating class of 288, although with the war factor the number of graduates is probably not accurate. Still the message here is "one day at a time." • **John J. Burke** is recovering rapidly from bypass surgery at Hershey Center, PA. • **Bob Muse** watched with pride, and along with most of



his 33 grandchildren, as his lovely wife, Mary Beatty Muse, received the prestigious BC Alumni Association Award of Excellence in Law on May 8. • And then there were none (left in the nest) for Helen and **Ernie Handy** as their youngest daughter, Joanne, was married June 27. Ernie has been our good and faithful Class correspondent for 56 years. His granddaughter, Rebecca C. Kiley, graduated with highest honors from Radcliffe College. • **Jim Stanton** reports that one of **Jack McMahon's** sons has matched Jack's gift of \$100,000 to assist the hearing impaired at BC. • Jim Stanton had a surgical removal of cancer from his vocal cords. He is presently undergoing radiation with a favorable prognosis. I'll bet you beat it, Jim. Jim has been our Class president for 56 years and has real class. His sister, a Carmelite nun, just died. The Stantons were and are an outstanding Catholic family. • Recently, Bernard Cardinal Law baptized my newest grandchild, Andrew Augustine Joyce, at a Mass in his private residence. It was a memorable experience. Cardinal Law revealed himself as a caring, down to earth leader with the common touch. The ceremony was enacted with grace and dignity and was an experience my family deeply appreciated and will long treasure. • **Frank J. McCue Jr.** of Rye Beach, NH, formerly of Belmont, died Jan. 18. He is survived by his wife, Mary, four children and two grandchildren. • **Rev. Joseph P. Veneto** died Jan. 24. He was retired after serving many years in various parishes in the diocese and lived in Milton. • **John J. Roman Jr.** died March 4 shortly after returning from a cruise with his wife, Alicia. He leaves three children and four grandchildren. • **Ned Martin** died April 8 in Florida and was buried on Cape Cod. His wife Rosemary, four children and several grandchildren survive him. • **William J. Powers**, of Florida and Medford, died May 4 in Florida. Bill is survived by his wife, Helga. He was a successful teacher and coach at Boston Latin School for 33 years.

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As our 55th reunion comes to a close, we regret to report the passing of **Solomon Schwartz**, who died in

FL Jan. 15. Dr. Schwartz was a radiologist in New Haven, CT and is survived by his wife, Donna, and two children • Condolences also to **Bob O'Meara** on the death of his sister, Marnet, who died in May. Marnet was the wife of the late **Dr. Bob O'Brien**. • The April 17 issue of the *Pilot* carried news that **Rev. Dan Cronin**, pastor of St. Catherine in Westford, has been granted senior priest status and was honored by Cardinal Law at the dedication of the Fr. Dan Cronin Parish Center at his church. • The Intercultural Press has recently published **Yale Richmond's** new book, *Into Africa*. A 30-year veteran of the Foreign Service, Yale has also written *From Nyet to Da: Understanding the Russians*. • Dot and **Frank Hill** marched in the annual St. Pat's parade in Naples where they led the formation of BCers. They are now boasting about their newest grandson, Connor Rourke Hill, from Germantown, MD. • **Ed Linehan** wrote he hoped to make the 55th if his health was good, but was unable to do so. Instead, he sent a nice donation to the cause. • Many thanks are due to Honey Canale for her Class dues in memory of **Rock Canale**. • And now, we've some reports on the famous 55th reunion. At the annual golf day, so ably chaired by **Jim Harvey** (with help from Jean), we had four foursomes, plus two. Some of the big winners were: low gross, that big hitter **Joe Finnegan**, who came in with a great 72; **Jim Harvey**, 82; and a tie at third gross, **Rev. Bill Commane** and **John Rafferty**. First net, **Tom Manning**, then **Jack Hayes**, **Ed Lambert** and **George Bray**. Nearest the pin on #4, **John Rafferty**; long drive, again to John, but awarded to **Ray Sisk** as second. The winner in the small women's medal play was Agnes Lyons. One big highlight was a spectacular approach shot on the 13th hole by **Joe Lyons**, who dropped the ball in from 106 yards! Last but not least, many thanks to **John Foynes** for the gift box of golf balls. • On June 2, a small group of '43ers took the famous Duck Tour through Boston. With some thanks to John Rafferty and **John Bellissimo**, who steered the craft on the river, all returned safely. • Opting for a calmer cruise were Mary and **John Grady**, who took a ride on Boston's famous Swan Boats, courtesy of Paul Paget '45. • On June 3, 40 members of '43 took the lunch cruise aboard the *Odyssey* around Boston Harbor. • The final event was our Memorial Mass and lunch on June 4 at the BC Newton campus. **Bill Commane** was

principal celebrant of the Mass, assisted by our old professor, Rev. Bill Leonard, with **Paul Good** and **Tom Murray** as lectors. After Mass, 55 '43ers enjoyed lunch at Barat House, with music by Spectrum Trio, and an informative talk by new Athletic Director Gene DeFilippo. Here we must thank our old "AA Rep," **Tom Kennedy**, for his fine assistance in this effort. • Some reflections on the 55th—we enjoyed seeing those who came from some distance: Terrie and John Rafferty, Orlando, FL; Elly and Bob Casey, Silver Springs, MD; Mary and John Grady, Virginia Beach, VA; Frank Mahoney, Freeport, IL; and also some of the widows of our classmates: Betty Rehling, Fran Galligan, Betty Grimes, Dorothy Hoar and Maureen Myers. • Among those who replied but were unable to attend were: Bernadette and John Corbett, who were out of the country; Marie and Bryon Brown, who had health problems but were most generous with a donation; Claire and Ed Callahan from CA, also with health problems but with a fine donation; Charlie Watson, still recovering from a hip operation; Kay and Ed McGilvery, again due to a health situation; and Rev. Tom Heath, OP, who is in Africa and cannot come until 2000, but promises a fine homily to all still around. • In addition to the names already mentioned, there were Anne Marie and Bob Blute, Pat Bray, Barbara and Jim Connolly, Dot and Dan Healy, Rita and Dr. Bob Muse, Maureen and Dr. Al Donovan, Mary and Jack Hayes, Helen and Bob O'Meara, Peg and Dick Ramsey, Jean and Paul Healy, Genevieve and Frank Richards, Tom Antico and Ernie Santosuosso. Wives mentioned are Marie Bellissimo, Mary Good, Fran Foynes, Carol Finnegan and Marie Murray, to whom your correspondent owes many thanks for her help and assistance for this (and many other) class festivities. • Last but not least, congratulations to **Jack Hayes** on his election as president of the John Hancock Insurance Co. retirees association. • Though it's 55 years from Linden Lane, keep in touch, we'd like to hear from you!

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Congratulations and best wishes to John Wissler for a happy retirement

after more than 30 years as Executive Director of our Alumni Association. We also welcome his successor, Kathleen M. O'Toole '76, and look forward to working with her. Charlotte and I didn't make the Alumni Association's reception for John because of the extremely poor weather, but we understand that **Drs. Mitsuko and Gene Laforet**, **Tom Donelan** and Megs and **Jim Dowd** did attend. • Megs and Jim had a memorable 2 1/2 week trip to Gibraltar, Casablanca, Italy, France and Lisbon, Portugal. They also celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on May 5. • **Tom Donelan** believes his 7th grandchild is going to be a banker because his initials are ATM. Tom is the Class agent for Laetare Sunday which fell short of the usual three table attendance this year because of the weather. **Frank Doherty** and his 85-year-old cousin, **Rev. Bill McInnes, SJ** and Tom were the only three to make it. • Tom, **Jim McSorley** and **Bob Foley** from Rockland also attended the BC High Golden Eagle Luncheon on April 26. • **Msgr. Joe Alves** returned north the end of April and began putting material together for a new course for the BC Institute of Learning in Retirement, "Saints, Canonized and Otherwise." • Treasurer **Bob O'Leary** recently received some publicity when he gave one of the three speeches in Milton at a reception for former Senator W. Paul White who was appointed BC's VP for governmental affairs. Bob's part of the program focused on Chestnut Hill. He is also waiting to get our Class out on his boat. • Congratulations to **Fr. Bill McInnes, SJ** who was elected a VP of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit National Honor Society. Bill is an adjunct professor at BC, chaplain of the Alumni Association and moderator of the local chapter of ASN. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and an master's in philosophy from BC, a licentiate in sacred theology from Weston Jesuit College and a PhD in business administration from New York Univ. • **Dr. Ed Thomas** is back in Mashpee from Naples and reports another successful activity by the Naples BC Club which included a trolley ride and dinner at a Naples restaurant on March 17. Ed and his wife, Ginny, enjoyed an 18-day trip to Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Budapest. Ed's son, Dr. Mike, has a dental practice in Abington and is also chairman of the Board of Health. Ed and Ginny have seven children and 17 grandchildren. • 1999 marks our 55th anniversary. Plans, with



details by **Jim Dowd**, are being developed for a daytime dinner and social which hopefully will make it convenient for as many as possible to attend.

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We are sorry to report the recent deaths of three classmates. **Francis X. Curran** passed away this past winter. He was formerly from Winchester, but retired to Centerville. He was a long time BC professor and program specialist at the Campus School. He is survived by his wife, Alice; his daughter, Mary Alice Curran; his brother, Thomas; and sister, Sr. Muriel Curran, SSND. • **Vincent P. Kelleher, SJ** passed away in Jan. in Weston. He is survived by his aunt, Katherine Nolan, and his sister-in-law, Anne E. Kelleher. • **John Christoforo**, retired senior partner at Hale & Dorr, passed away in Dec. John wrote several novels including *The Partnership* and *The Final Year*. He was a retired Lt. commander in the Navy reserve, having served on active duty in World War II and the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; three daughters, Jean Coello, Ellen Cummings, and Anne Bauer; son, Mark; a brother, William; a sister, Florence; and ten grandchildren. • The Class extends its sympathy to the Curran, Kelleher and Christoforo families. • Congratulations to **John Harvey** on being inducted into the BC Hall of Fame along with the whole '49 NCAA Championship hockey team. John, who was an assistant coach, attended the Pike's Peak hockey club banquet on April 23 along with many members of that team. • The Second Helping Gala committee, along with the Alumni Association and the Greater Boston Food Bank, sends its thanks for the Class' support. • **Don McMarrow** writes that he was a roommate of our deceased **Msgr. Turke** in the Navy-12 program at Tufts. The Monsignor had one big problem, he couldn't swim, and Don was assigned as his personal life-guard. One day they were doing their swimming lessons, and he jumped from the boat with orders to swim to the next landing. Don was already treading water and didn't surface right way. Don dove down and found him doing the required stroke under six feet of water. Fortunately, Don

managed to bring him to the surface. Thanks, Don, for that story about Msgr. Turke. • The BC Club continues to do very well. Membership is well over 1,800 at this writing and will be much higher by the time you read this. Time could be running out for you to join, so you had better hurry. • No golf legends activities at this writing, but I did spend ten days playing in Florida with **Bill Cornyn** and **Ed Burns**. • This year's attendance at Laetare Sunday was reduced because of a bad storm. Marylou and **Jack McCarthy**, Eileen and **Tom Colbert** and yours truly and Lillian did attend. • I also attended Alumni Awards ceremony along with Jack, Marylou and Lillian. It makes me very proud to be an alumnus when I see the winners. They are truly outstanding. Prof. Thomas H. O'Connor '49 was this year's McKenney award recipient. • About 700 people attended the tribute dinner for **John Wissler**, who retired as Alumni Association executive director after 31 years of service. In attendance from the Class were Mary and **Bill Hamrock**, Peg and **Bud Curry**, Mary Lou and Jack McCarthy, Fran and **John Hogan**, **Paul Paget** and Lillian Sorgi. • Also saw Mary and **Dick Broggi** and Kathy and **John Campbell** at the President's Circle Dinner. • On the medical front, **Bud Keenan** and **Charlie Rogers** are recovering from recent surgery. • Congratulations to new grandparents Eve and **Dave Carey**. • If you don't appear in my notes, it's because I don't hear from you. Please write and let me know what is going on in your life.

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Sorry to report the deaths of **Pete Oberto** and **Joseph B. O'Gorman**. Pete divided his time between Florida and Mass. In March, he was hospitalized in Florida where he died unexpectedly. Joe also had lived for some years in Punta Gorda, FL; his widow, Louise, reported his death

on Feb. 28. We extend the Class' sympathy to both the Oberto and O'Gorman families. • Yours truly has lived on Cape Cod year-round since '81 but never got around to joining the BC Club of Cape Cod until this year. It has to be one of the most active of such clubs. I found classmates among the membership, including Joseph J. Mahoney, Dave O'Connor, Jim Ryan, Walter J. Sullivan, Donald W. Thompson and Hank Welch. In addition, Katherine Bixby, Elizabeth Morris and Mabel Waggett are all active members, having taken graduate degrees with us in on that memorable June day.

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It was a grand weekend for sure, this unique chance to get together, to renew old friendships, to join in a series of fine social, academic and religious activities as we celebrated our 50th anniversary of graduation from old BC. How wonderful was the weather, enabling the group to leave behind raincoats and automobiles to keep dry. We parked our cars and forgot about them. • Familiar faces began to appear at the opening dinner on Thursday evening at the New Dining Facility. Eugene, Jim and Millicent Hogan were at our table along with Bill Boodro. Also greeted were John Coneys and spouse, Tim Buckley, Morris Breslout, John E. Corcoran, Mike DeCesare, Mr. and Mrs. John Depass, Mr. and Mrs. Al DeVito, Mr. and Mrs. Francis X. Donelan and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Donohue. • Friday morning the Golden Anniversary Class assembled in BC's Robsham Theater complex to be invested into the order of the Golden Eagle. It was good to see **Neil Scanlon**, dean of the Univ. of Connecticut Law School, able to be with us after some poor health experiences. Also **John Best**, previous Class president, was able to come for the Golden Eagle initiation. Along with the names mentioned above, the following classmates received The Golden Eagle order: Jim Costello, Mike DeCesare, Bill Curley, Bob Farrell, John M. Corcoran, Tom Finigan, Bob Foy, Frank Dunne, Frank Gay, Phil Hagen, Bill Hamrock, Matt Keleher, Fred Callahan, former Governor Ed King,

Paul Marmon, Rev. Angelo Loscocco, Rev. John Flynn, Bob Herlihy, Jim Hogan, Al Kasuba, Matt Keleher, Bill Kickham, Paul Luizzo, Bob Marshall, Frank McCarthy, Jack McMahon, Bill Melville, John E. McMahon, Joe McNally, Tom Menten, Paul Morin, Boh Morris, Gene Nash, John Nee, Jack Muse, Bill Noonan, Larry O'Brien, Jim O'Neill, Bill Palladino, Frank Perry, Bob Redding, Ed Richmond, John L. Riley, V. Paul Riordan, Roger Roy, Arnold Rubin, Paul Ryan, George Savage, Lenny Sherry, Bernie Travers, Paul Waters, Bernard Wermers and Paul Wilkas. • Also, we were delighted that the following widows of our deceased classmates were present to receive the Golden Eagle: Katherine Hart (John Hart); Eve Herbert (Joe Herbert), Joan O'Neill (Jack O'Neill) and Virginia Oliver (Bill Oliver). • On Friday evening following a tasty buffet, the Class was whisked off to Symphony Hall and a delightful Pops concert during which conductor Keith Lockhart remarked that BC alumni sing their college songs with more gusto than any group he's heard. Returning home, our happy group continued this marvelous evening at an Encore Cafe at McElroy Commons. • The Parade of Classes took place on a beautiful Saturday morning, followed by an outdoor grill on the Campus Green. A great Dixieland band livened the luncheon as we finished our march down the hill from Linden Lane with the Class of '48 leading the parade. • The 50th Anniversary dinner dance was held in Gasson Hall T-100 room, as we called it in yesteryear. A whiskey tenor barbershop quartet entertained us at this delightful function: **Jim Costello**, **John Depass**, **Bill Melville** and your scribe were recipients of polite applause following some chaotic sounding! • Personally, I was honored to be the celebrant of the annual Alumni Memorial Mass on Saturday afternoon, aided by Jim Costello and **Bill Noonan** as lectors and **Paul Waters** as a dignified cross bearer. • By the time you read this, you probably will have received the brand new 50th anniversary *Sub Turri* edition. • In conclusion, at commencement the grand marshal was our own Class president, the ever faithful **William P. Melville**. • Congratulations to Jim Costello and Bill Noonan for their expertise in pulling off this great anniversary party.



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Had a call from **Frank Brown** of West Roxbury inquiring about a spring dinner dance. None this year. I'm sure we'll be having a dinner with our 50th commencement activities. Stay tuned. • **Prof. Thomas H. O'Connor** was given the highest alumni award, the McKenney Award, this spring. This is the second year in a row for the Class. Congratulations, Tom! • **Ernie Ciampa** let us know a Mass was celebrated in honor of the 70th birthday of **Rev. William C. Burkhart**, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Belmont on March 28. Following was a dinner dance attended by 300 family, friends and parishioners, including **Rev. Murray** and **Dr. James O'Neil**. • Laetare Sunday on March 22 saw a large gathering at the college. Among those present were Dr. John Doherty, John Hickey, Tom O'Connor, Ernie Ciampa, Sahag Dakesian, Bill Flaherty, Ed Marshall, John McQuillan, John Prince, Peter Rogerson, John Carney, Vince Nuccio, Joe Dowd, John Geaghan and Bob Collins. • On March 27 at Alumni House, **Sahag Dakesian** presided over our first meeting of the Class anniversary book committee. Present were Mike Lynch, MD, Peter Rogerson, John Bradley, Bob Collins, Tom Sweeney, Hank Barry, John Carney, Ed Murphy, Don McAnulty, John McQuillan, Lou Visco, John Hickey, John Forkin, Ed Tedesco, Dick Devlin and your scribe. Several committees were formed and will work on the book this summer. You should have received a biographical sketch for you to complete and return along with a picture. Stay tuned. • The unofficial opening of the 50th took place May 3 when the *Enchantment of the Seas* glided out of Miami Harbor for a seven-day Caribbean cruise with 40 people, dressed in maroon and gold, singing "For Boston." Sailors aboard were: Betty and Joe Burke, Madelyn and John Carney, Margaret and Ernie Ciampa, Kitty and Bob Curran, Margaret and Sahag Dakesian, Eileen and Bill Flaherty, Anita and Dan Hayes, Mary and John Hickey, Pat and John Turner, Margaret and Jack Linehan, Barbara and Dr. Bob Kelleher, Fran and Bill Cohan, Carol and Don McAnulty, Paula and Peter Rogerson, Dot and John McQuillan, Amelia and Don

St. Andre, and Pat and Jack Waite. Also joining us were Mary and Harry Baker, friends of **Jack Linehan**, and Berttia Murgurdichian and Josephine Salemi of Providence, friends of Skip Dakesian. Everybody was seated at adjoining tables and, after the evening meal, the ship was serenaded with BC fight songs. The last meal produced the best "Hail Alma Mater" I've ever heard. The waiters wore eagles on their uniforms all week. Turner and Kelleher organized classes in numerology each evening at the casino with mixed results. Turner and Flaherty narrowly edged Rogerson and McQuillan at Mahogany Run Golf Course on St. Thomas, although McQuillan had the shot of the round. Joe Burke was a big hit at my table with his stories of bygone days. The trip's biggest disappointment was Turner not winning the Sexiest Legs Contest at the pool. To be perfectly honest, his legs looked like out-of-bounds stakes from my view. • The list of passing members continues to grow. In Jan. we lost **Robert V. Rooney, Sr.** of Arlington, husband of May, father of Robert V., Jr., Stephen J. and Patricia Rowelt. • I received a note from Mary E. Kearns notifying me of the passing of her husband, **William G. Kearns**, in Bridgewater on March 22, 1997. Bill was a staff instructor with IBM. Our condolences to Betty and the children: Kathleen, Mary, Ellen, Gerard, Michelle, Carole and Nancy. • Finally, the sad news of the death of a very active Class member, **Jim McEttrick**, who died in April. Jim was a retired manager for General Motors in New Jersey. He retired and moved back to Weymouth and his summer home in Marshfield, which was the scene of many BC gatherings. He was a football season ticket holder and a great tailgater. Our heartfelt sympathies to Betty and the children: James Jr., Richard, Paul, Maureen and Joanne.

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**Larry Coen** lost his 1950 yearbook several years ago as a result of a flood at his home in Marshfield. If anyone has an extra one or knows where he can secure one, please contact him May 1 to Oct. 31 at PO Box 1078, Marshfield, MA 02050; or Nov. 1 to May 1 at 1210 No. Riverside Dr.,

Pompano Beach, FL 33062. Drop Larry a letter or postcard. Larry thanks anyone in advance who can help him. • The following classmates attended March's Laetare Sunday Mass and breakfast: Ed and Geraldine Grady, Joe and Bea Casey, George and Helen Padula, Mike and Elizabeth Briana, Jack and Rita Casey, John Allison Jr., Gene and Patty Ratto, and Bob and Dot DiSchino along with their grandchild, Courtney DiSchino '01. Our own **Walter Donnelly** received the Alumni Association's First Annual Companion of Justice Award, was tendered on Laetare Sunday, recognizing a graduate who has distinguished him or herself by work in a volunteer capacity on behalf of those in need—i.e., living out the Ignatian tradition of "men and women for others." Walter certainly has done this; since his retirement in '92, he has been teaching English to immigrants in the Gloucester area. In '97, Walter put in more than 750 hours tutoring new arrivals to our country in English as a second language and GED preparation. Prior to this work, he did similar service in Cambridge and for 16 years was a CCD teacher at St. Patrick's in Stoneham. • **Emil J. Strug** of Stoughton died March 14 after a long illness. He worked for Blue Cross/Blue Shield for 30 years where he was a VP. Emil was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Force and served as a navigator with the 44th bomb group. Born in Newton, he lived in Stoughton for the past 42 years. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, three sons, one daughter and nine grandchildren. • **Richard V. Kinsella** of Milton died in May at Boston Medical Center. He worked for the Mass. Dept. of Public Health for more than 40 years. He received a master's in social work from BC in '52. Mr. Kinsella was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II, serving in the 351st bomb group of the 8th Air Force, based in Dolebrook, England. He flew 40 combat missions as a radio gunner in a B-17 flying fortress named "My Gal." He was awarded the ETO Medal with four company stars, the Purple Heart, Flying Cross and a Presidential Citation. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Kinsella is survived by his wife, Betty, three sons, two daughters, three brothers and five grandchildren. • **Richard A. Doherty** died March 22 in Plymouth, MI. He was employed by the Kellogg Co. of Battle Creek, MI and is survived by his wife, Mary, two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren. He was buried in Old Calvary Cemetery in

Roslindale. • I intend to spend the week before Labor Day in Sept. at the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge annual convention in San Francisco.

## 50N-53N

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From the *Class of '50*: **Polly Putnam Chatfield** writes of her life in retirement, which includes chairing the board of trustees at the Commonwealth School and presiding over the Community Service Project in Rockland, ME (where you will find Polly and her husband, incidentally, if she is not in Belmont). Three of her seven children followed parental footsteps into teaching. Perhaps one of the three grandchildren will follow suit! • **Helene Sweeney Doyle** has a new career in retirement with Carlisle Co. She and Bill have eight children and 19 grandchildren to visit when they are not on the Cape. • If **Agnes Hanford** is getting any rest in retirement, it would be hard to know when! She is traveling, playing croquet, swimming and biking. She is contributing her time as a member of the South Florida Contemporary Art Museum and as a board member of the Tampa Bay Alumnae of Sacred Heart Preparatory Schools and Colleges. Agnes is also working on a novel. Is it any wonder she is included in the 1998 edition of *Who's Who?* Agnes expressed the feelings of many in remarking on the dedication of those religious who "pioneered" at Newton. • From the *Class of '52*: **Joan Connelly Wagner**, who is retired in Chatham, writes that hospital volunteering, exercise, gardening and enjoying her two dogs define her relaxed life on the Cape. • **Rita O'Connell Donahue** writes from Hilton Head Island where she and her husband live when not in NH. Her four children and six grandchildren are in various parts of the country, which provides Rita with ample excuse to travel. • Several notes from the *Class of '53*: **Mousie O'Brien Clifton** writes from the "beautiful east end of Long Island," to which beauty I can readily attest since I have spent many wonderful days there with Mousie, Peter and various of their four children and ten grandchildren. They are still running their teacher placement agency and educational consulting firm for independent schools. Mousie has



twin granddaughters attending 91st Street, where her daughter Suzanne founded and still directs the "Creative Arts at Sacred Heart" summer program. • **Barbara Gould Henry** has had a very exciting year in connection with her work as a teacher in New Orleans in '60. I hope many of you saw the television program in Jan. which told the story of Ruby Bridges, a first-grade African American girl whom Barbara taught *alone* because other teachers would not teach an integrated classroom. She received an award from the Anti-Defamation League and a moving tribute from St. Kevin's School in Dorchester, of which Barbara writes: "If anyone needs to be re-inspired, visit St. Kevin's School." Barbara highly recommends Sister Elizabeth White's book discussion group which meets on the Newton campus. Call the Alumni Office for information. • From **Grace Conley Hiney** in CA comes news of semi-retirement—she's still writing her restaurant column and selling advertising. Her two children and two grandchildren live nearby; thus, when she travels she can go to such places as Turkey and the Greek Isles rather than to visit offspring. • **Alice Higgins Slattery** is retiring this year after teaching 24 years in the Framingham public schools, but she hopes to do some tutoring in her spare time. She is a member of the parish council and the spiritual development committee at St. Bridget's church. She contributes her energy to the Respect Life/Mass. Citizens for Life Committee and received the pro-life correspondent award from the Knights of Columbus last April. Alice is also the secretary for the secular Carmelite Joseph and Mary Community in Danvers. When has she had time to teach? • **Francie Mannix Ziminsky** has 16 grandchildren, "repeats," she calls them, of the original eleven. For the last eleven years, Francie has been director of the Mt. Kisco Birthright (a pregnancy crisis center), and is on the board of the Center for Life at St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains. She and Vic are still living in Mt. Kisco. • From the *Class of '54*: I have had a long letter from **Mary Evans Bapst** from Switzerland where she has lived most of the time since '59. From '88-'91, she lived in Montreal working for the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, the organization for whom she had also worked in Switzerland. Since '91, she has been back in Switzerland helping to care for her nine grandchildren. • **Sister Mary Magdalen** (formerly **Julie Fitz-**

**Gerald**) is still at the Monastery of St. Clare in Jamaica Plain where she entered in '55. • **Dorothy Ryan** has retired after 34 years as a medical technologist at South Shore Hospital. She has six children and six grandchildren. In '95, she visited **Delma Sala Fleming** in Ponce, Puerto Rico who is busy working with troubled children. • After 20 years working at Belmont Hill School, I am retiring this June. I have loved every minute, but "voices" are telling me to take a little more time for myself. Last spring I went to visit at Kenwood where Sisters Quinlan and Husson are happily ensconced along with many others. It was a lovely visit. Some of you may not have had the sad news that Sister Maguire died on Jan. 5. • Please make plans to attend our cluster reunion for '50-'53 in 2000. Thanks for all your news.

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The Class of 1951 bids a fond adieu and best wishes upon his retirement to John Wissler, the long-time Executive Director of our Alumni Association and a good friend to all the grads. We also welcome Kathleen O'Toole '76 as John's successor. • The BC Club of Cape Cod held a Day of Recollection at St. Pius X Church in South Yarmouth on May 20. Among the 45 attendees were **John Bacon, Marty Joyce, Lloyd McDonald, John Svagzdys** and **Frank Tully**. • **Rev Timothy Toohig, SJ** has recently completed a term as rector of the Jesuit Community at Fairfield Univ., a position formerly held by **Rev. Thomas O'Malley, SJ**. • I received a note recently from **Bill Jenkins** who is retired and living in Peabody. Bill is an old Southie guy and a World War II Navy veteran. • **Dave McNulty** is retired after 32 years of teaching in the Mass. public schools; he is living in Bourne on Cape Cod. • **Laetare Sunday** turned up **John J. Sullivan** of Woburn and York, ME. John is a retired foreign services officer. Also attending were **Richard Russo** of Arlington, who is learning to use his new computer with the aid of his ten grandchildren; former Massport secretary-treasurer **George O'Brien** of Braintree; and **Ken Gannon** of Marblehead. Ken is enjoying retirement and spends a lot of time playing golf—locally at Tedesco, and in

Florida at Mariner Sands in Stuart. • On the sad side of this job, **John Kilday** of Dedham informed me that triple Eagle and avid BC sports fan **Tom Gibbons** of Milford passed away May 6. Tom had spent more than 30 years in the computer industry, retiring from Computer Vision/Prime Computer in '91. • Since the last issue it's also been reported that **Dr. Anthony Palmieri** died Sept. 6, 1997, and **Robert Shay** died Jan. 18. May these and all our other fallen classmates rest in peace. • By the time you read these notes in Sept., the next deadline will be Dec. 1. Please let us hear from you!

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Congratulations to those classmates who are celebrating their 50th high school anniversaries this year; Boston Latin and BC High appear to have the most classmate graduates, too numerous to mention. • Recently I crossed paths with **Gene Giroux** and **Frank Dooley**, and talked to **Mike McCarthy, Nick Gallinaro** and **Lex Blood**. All are well and keeping busy. • Many classmates attended the BC-Red Sox baseball game in Florida in March. **Al Sexton** and **Jim Mulrooney** were ushers at the Sox games during spring training. • March was a busy month for '52 in the Naples area where many classmates attended various functions. Some went to the monthly meeting of the BC Club of Southwest Florida, of which **Jack Donovan** and **Al Sexton** are members. Many attended the St. Patrick's Day parade, and most were on good behavior, including Roger. **Jim Mulrooney** was strategically seated at the rear of the bus. **Bob Doherty**, who lives in Naples permanently, was with his brother, Bill, for the reunions. • The annual luncheon was held at Key West Fish House on Naples Bay. Many thanks to **Joe O'Shaughnessy** and **Al Sexton** for making arrangements. I understand that 54 attended, making it the largest Florida Class reunion thus far. • In Milton, **Roger Connor** was recently elected town meeting member, and **Lex Blood** was elected constable. There goes the neighborhood! • Sorry to report the deaths of **Bill Heavey, Bob Corcoran** and **Charlie O'Donnell**. Bill was one of the most active members of our Class

since graduation, attending just about every Class function. Bill was past class president and died in March. **Bob Corcoran** lived in Lincoln and worked for Liberty Mutual. He died in Dec. Charlie worked for Texaco, Inc. in Cape Elizabeth, ME and died in Sept. The sympathy of the Class is extended to the Heavey, Corcoran and O'Donnell families. • Recently received notes from **Tom Cumiskey**, who retired to Venice, FL three years ago; **Paul Daly, Mary McCabe** and **Jay Hughes**; **Walter McDonough**, who is in Arlington, VA; **Bob Quinn**, who says he isn't doing too well as a political handicapper; and **Larry E. Sullivan** of San Antonio, TX. • Also heard from **Paul Kinnaly** and **Charlie Daly**; **Nick Gallinaro**, who has moved his company's operations to Ft. Lauderdale; and **Eliz Cronin** in Rye, NH. • **Dick Schwartz**, who recently had lunch with Fr. Leahy in San Jose, CA, sent regards from the West Coast. • **Charlie Carroll, MD**, McLean, VA, retired neurosurgeon, had Thanksgiving with 20 family members at his lake house in Fredericksburg. • **Paul Lockwood** is living in Palm Beach, FL, and **John Healy** is down in Springfield, VA. • Heard from **Frank McGonagle, Nyal McA'Nulty**, and **John Clifford**, who is semi-retired and is a consultant to Harvard and George Washington U. His son is a planetary scientist at NASA in Houston. • **Jim DeGiacomo** is practicing law in Boston where he now lives. • **Arthur Conlon** has retired in Miami, and spends part of the year in Brookline. • **John O'Connor** has been traveling; **Nick Carbone** is in Lynnfield; **Phil Mitchell** is enjoying life in Pocasset; **Rita Walsh McGowan** is in E. Harwich; and **Bob Callahan** is a Supreme Court Judge in Conn. • We also heard from **Jim Birmingham, George McCormack**, and **Tom Dolan**; **Rev. Paul Curran** in Canton; **Bob Barry, Bill Terrio** and **Don Shanahan**; **Paul Doucette**, Lawrenceville, GA; **Tom Cullinan**, Vero Beach, FL; **Frank Torpey**, West Nyack, NY; **Ed Gordon** and **Peter Genovese**; **Joe Tuleja**, who left Roslindale for Falmouth; **Al Deshaies** and **Lex Blood**. • **Kirwin MacMillan, MD** is still practicing in Haverhill, has eight children and 15 grandchildren. • Speaking of grandchildren, the last issue incorrectly listed **Charlie Hanafin's** grandchild count—Charlie now has 41. Charlie told me his family gets together on Sundays for breakfast. Some restaurants don't have that many people in a week! • Send news!



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I would be remiss if I didn't express the heartfelt thanks of the entire Class to president **Paul Coughlin** and all his committee, who worked tirelessly on all the successful programs of our 45th! Well, it's all history now, leaving us with wonderful memories. • Upwards of 150 came to one or all of our events. Friday brought an evening at the Pops—always a major attraction. Maestro Keith Lockhart presented an upbeat program that included a memorial to “Ole Blue Eyes” Frank Sinatra. He stopped the program after we sang “For Boston” and “Hail Alma Mater” and announced that in his many years conducting evenings for college groups, that he had never heard of a group sing their school songs with such gusto. Our pops after Pops was lively, friendly, and full of fun—and just right to cap off our first evening. • Saturday daytime was like the old game “follow the leader”—and was put together by the Alumni Association as a final showpiece for John Wissler '57 who retired in June. Prominent and first was the Celebration of Loyalty reception at Bapst Library. 1998 was a banner year for contributions to BC from the anniversary classes, at a total of \$8.7 million, the highest in the school's history. Our Class contributed \$729,000 and had a 42.2% participation rate. I had the opportunity to meet with BC president Father Leahy, SJ when our little group was talking with him about the difference between the school of our day and the present university. I told him I found an old ethics book from junior year philosophy (a study they don't have now) titled “*Man As Man*.” When I opened the cover, to my surprise, I had printed neatly on the inside hard cover, “in case of flood, stand on this book, it's dry.” Fr. Leahy rather liked the comment! • After that reception, those from the Class who were there went outside, met up with the rest of the group, put on t-shirts supplied by the school, and joined the Parade of Classes. • The afternoon was full of tours of the campus etc. • On Saturday evening, we had our own private Mass celebrated by **Tom Fleming**, **Larry Drennan** and **Jim Reilly**, who dedicated the Mass to our missing classmates and their families. **Joe Tower**, **Bill McSweeney** and **Sal**

**Venezia** did the readings; **Jim Willwerth** offered the prayers of the faithful; and Barbara and **Austin Smith** presented the gifts. In his homily, Fr. Tom Fleming amused us by recounting his initial career and subsequent retirement as an egg salesman. • Mass was followed by cocktails and dinner. I saw: Roger and Elizabeth Bossi, Matt and Audrey Boyle, Dick and Mary Buckley, Joe and Katherine Byrne, Joe and Patricia Carroll, Leo and Patricia Casey, Tom Casey, Ed and Ruth Condon, Fred and Katherine Conroy, Larry and Mary Costello, Class president Paul Q. and Maryanne Coughlin, Dick Curran, Art and Muriel Delaney, Joe and Gerry DeSalvo, Joe and Connie Desimone, Guy and Joanne Digirolamo, Phil and Janice Dolan, Fr. Larry, Bill and Nancy Duggan, Dick and Mary Farley, Dick Farrar, Tom Fitzgerald, Matt and Marie Flaherty, Fr. Tom, Fred and Barbara Good, Bob and Elaine Grant, Dick and Joan Horan, yours truly with wife Mary, Ray and Claire Kenny, Dave and Nancy Lane, Paul and Ann Lanzillotta, Lou and Patricia LeBlanc, Jim and Mary Livingston, Paul and Lil Lockary, Jack and Chris Lynch, Bill and Irene Martin, Bob and Maureen McCarthy, Jack McCarty, John and Gerry McCauley, Bill and Anne McSweeney, Marty and Barbara Morgan, Dave and Delores Morrissey, Frank Murphy, Leo and Florence Murphy, Paul and Jean Murray, John Norton, *Babe* and Mary O'Brien, John and Eileen O'Gorman, Vinny Pizzano, Rev. Jim Riley, Sherman Saltmarsh, Dick and Carole Scalise, Sr., Austin and Barbara Smith, Frank and Marie Stapleton, Gene and Rosemary Sullivan, Frank and Patricia Sullivan, Bob and Elizabeth Sullivan, Art and Gerry Tierney, Joe and Maureen Tower, Tom and Peggy Vanderslice, Sal and Eleanor Venezia, John Violette, Eddie and Margaret Wall, Frank and Elizabeth Ward, Jim Wholly, Bob and Mary Willis, Jim and Mary Willwerth, and last but not least, Bill and Jean Brooks. • Fr. Leahy was warmly received by the Class, and his message of directing BC into the next millennium was enthusiastically received. • I'm told the golf outing was a smashing success at the Wayland Country Club (I retired from golf when I hit my hole in one at Hatherly and the PGA never called me to join them). There were many winners, i.e. Ray Kenny, Bill Shaughnessy, Don Burgess, Jim Willwerth, Fred Good, Bob Parks, Steve Heffernan, Jack Lynch, Tom

Vanderslice, Gerry Payne, Dick Horan, Paul Q. Coughlin and Spike Boyle. • A final tidbit: at the dinner I was told Mary and **Jim Ridge** were married in San Diego on May 16, and that Jeanne and **Paul Murray**, Betty and **Bob Sullivan** and Joanne and **Ted O'Rourke** were cruising to Bermuda together with the newlyweds to celebrate their 45th from BC. Go BC!!

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# REUNION

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The mini-reunion back in May at Newport, RI was a great success due to the fine planning of Margaret and **Dan Miley**. The group dined at the historic White Horse Tavern on Friday night. Saturday morning included a tour of beautiful Hammersmith Farm, while the afternoon was free for visits to the various mansions. The Saturday night dinner was enjoyed by all at the Royal Plaza. • It was good to see **Manny Correia** after all these years. He made the trip from Branford, CT. Manny and his wife, Trudy, are the parents of two children, and the proud grandparents of three. He is a financial advisor with American Express, after serving 15 years with Grossman's as a district manager. • **Martha and Eddie Trask** were also present. After many years in the automobile business, they are spending more time each winter on the Florida Keys. • Also present were Jody and **Frank Bonarrigo**, who came up from the Cape along with other Cape residents Fran and **Doug MacMillan**, Shirley and **Bob Sanborn** and Nancy and **George Seaver**. • Also in attendance were Jane and John Ford, Verna and Tom Lane, Aurora and Jack Leydon, Eleanor and George McCarron, Jane and Paul McGee, Margaret and Dan Miley, Anita and John Murtagh, Joan and Frank Patchell, Constance and Charlie Pelczarski, Linda and Dave Pierre, Mary and Murray Reagan, Lori and Lou Totino, and Mary Jean and Jim Coughlin. • Jim reports that **Dr. Phil Grant**, a history professor at Pace Univ. in New York, delivered a paper to the Catholic Historical Association in Indianapolis, IN. **Gerry Carey**, who resides in Needham, was in attendance. • Jim also tells us that a large contingent of '54ers were present at the BC-Red Sox game in Fort Myers. Among

those spotted were Carol and **Dick Foley**, Carol and **Bob Donovan**, and Betty and **Tom Warren**. • On a very sad note, Helen Stamos, wife of **Charles Stamos**, passed away back in May. She was the proud mother of three daughters. We extend the sympathy of the Class to entire Stamos family. • Finally, the annual memorial Mass and reception will take place in Oct. We hope that as many as possible will be able to attend.

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Christ has counseled us to feed the poor, and because so many of you were wonderful about paying your dues during our last appeal in '94-'95, I was able to respond in your name to an appeal from the Committee for Second Helping. This program is supported by the Alumni Association and collects and distributes perishable food to many food pantries and emergency kitchens in the Boston area. As part of the planning for the annual Black Tie Gala in support of Second Helping, each class was asked to contribute \$500. There was still enough in our treasury so that I was able to allow the Class of '55 to share in this wonderful work. Please remember this and be generous in your response to our next request for dues. • I once again want to thank **Bob Kelleher** for his hard work in selling tickets to the Laetare Sunday communion breakfast. **Bob Pagliarulo** sent me a set of the pictures that he took at Laetare. By the way, Bob, good luck in your campaign to become the representative for the 10th District, which serves Roslindale and surrounding areas. • **Marguerite Bambi Blais Dannemiller** invited all the graduates of the School of Nursing to a reunion at her home in San Antonio recently. News which was forwarded to me included the fact that **Lynn Strovink Daukas** is expecting her first grandchild. Lynn reported that she is living in an area that is “wonderful as a retreat for artists, actors and retired nurses.” Sounds good to me! • **Dorothy Ching Hughes** was also not able to attend this reunion because she was going to be in Detroit attending a nurses' union caucus. • It is with sadness that I report that **Joe DeSisto** died in Feb. Joe lived in Plymouth and was both a coach and teacher at Plymouth



Carver High School. I know you all will join me in extending sympathy and prayers to his wife, Louise, and their family. • The 50th anniversary celebration for the School of Nursing allowed us to renew acquaintances with classmates, other alumni, and former faculty members. Joining us for the Saturday festivities was Mary Shaughnessy. I will hold on to the memory of that day, for she too has gone to eternal life since my last column was written. We should all reflect back on those days when she supervised us doing all those procedures at Boston City as we say a prayer for her and to her. • Start thinking ahead and planning your calendars. May 2000, when we will gather to celebrate our 45th, will be upon us before you know it. • Please send news! I'm dependent upon you for the column. Thanks!

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Sitting at our table at the Laetare Sunday communion breakfast were Sissie and **Jerry Sullivan**, Pat and **Frank Furey** (now working at DEC), and Moira and **Jim McLaughlin**. Other faithful attendees included **Carol Hines Gleason**, **Alice Shea**, and **Leo and Claire Hoban McCormack**. **Carolyn Kenney Foley** brought her sister, Mary Lou Burke, and a friend, Eunice Power, wife of Frank Power who coached basketball for 35 years at BC. Mary Lou drew Carolyn's name for a ticket to the Second Helping Gala, supporting collection of excess food for distribution to shelters for the homeless. **Ernestine Bolduc** (whose friend pulled her name), **Marge Murphy**, and Sheila Farrell, a friend of **Mary Ann Tierney Woodward**, also won tickets. Mary Ann reported that **Anne Carroll Bean's** husband Paul, who coached at Melrose High School, was elected to Hall of Fame there. • **Jack Kennedy** donated two BC throws to the Second Helping auction. • **Phil Dawson**, a guidance counselor at Westbrook High School

in Maine and mayor of Portland, wrote to express his regrets at missing our get-together for **Bob Eagle's** show, as he had to be in Washington DC. Phil's daughter graduated from BC in May; two older daughters are physicians. His son graduated from high school in June, and the youngest enters junior year. Two years ago, Phil was inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame (along with George W. Bush). • **Carolyn Kenney Foley** appreciated hearing "*Sentimental Journey*" at Bob's show because that was she and Dan's going away song at their wedding. **Marge Murphy** sang along with the performers. • **Rev. Dave Gill, SJ** traveled to El Salvador in May with nine undergraduates, the first of what the University Chaplaincy hopes will be an annual event. • **Jim Doyle** sent me an autographed copy of *Not Above the Law*, published in 1977 by William Morrow and Co. Jim has been the executive editor of *Army Times*, *Navy Times*, *Air Force Times* and *Federal Times* for 14 years. He and his wife, Ann (College of New Rochelle '59), live in Bethesda, MD, and have two daughters: Katherine, a social worker, wife and mother, and Rebecca, a labor and delivery nurse. Last summer, Jim and Ann visited Don Moran '57 in Osterville, together with Eleanor and **Jack Bergin**, Jack's sister Maureen '57, and her husband, Joe Nicholson. Don succeeded Jim and **Bernie Hill** as editor of *The Heights*. • **Joe Hynes** called about a treat that Joyce and **Dan McDevitt** arranged for him. They put him up at the Constitution Inn in Charlestown, brought him to the St. Patrick's Day Mass celebrated by Cardinal Law, and to a lunch in Newton. That evening they took him to dinner at the new BC Club on the 36th floor of the BankBoston building. • **Owen B. Lynch** appeared in a photograph of board members in a *Boston Globe* story on the BC Club. The story mentioned that Owen has used the club several times, including a birthday party for his daughter. • We have two deaths to report. **Patrick J. Clare** of Holyoke died Jan. 15. Pat taught at South Hadley Middle School for 25 years and worked at Rexham Graphics of South Hadley for 33 years. He leaves two sons and three daughters. • **Arthur P. Killion** died Feb. 7 in Malden. He was a contracts manager for Itek Corp. in Lexington. He leaves his wife, Maureen, two sons and a daughter, a brother and a sister. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. • If you have news of the illness or death of other classmates, please notify me and I

will relay it to the Class committee so that a card can be sent to the family. • You can e-mail news from the Alumni Association's web site at [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni) and they will forward it to me.

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There was a Class gathering on the beautiful island of Bermuda May 7-11. The group stayed at the magnificently-situated Belmont Hotel & Golf Club in Warwick. 25 people enjoyed this extended weekend of sun and fun. The group included Rev. Joseph R. Fahey, SJ, Peg Kenney, Mary Lou Hogan, Pat Flanagan, Kay Cotter, Betty and Jim Turley, Barbara and Paul Sullivan '56, Ann Marie and Jack Joyce, Cathy and Neil Hynes, Ellen and Frank Higgins, Dottie and George Hennessy, Maureen and John Harrington, Joan and Bill Cunningham, Maureen and Paul Chamberlain, and Betsy and Ed Brickley. Everyone had a great time. **Bill Cunningham** deserves all the credit for conceiving and organizing this very memorable trip. **Fr. Joe Fahey** provided one of the weekend's highlights when he celebrated Mass on Saturday afternoon. Fr. Joe's homily was so poignant, personal and meaningful; most certainly, everyone was moved by this very special Mass. There was so much to enjoy about Bermuda; the weather was perfect and the scenery breathtaking. Everyone had the opportunity to choose their daily routine—relaxing on the beach at Horseshoe Bay, shopping in Hamilton, viewing the cruise ships, enjoying ferry boat rides to wonderfully scenic towns, experiencing fine dining and the excitement of the night life, playing golf on courses of exceptional beauty and enjoying the group's poolside gatherings. To say the least, it was one fabulous time. • **Barbara Cosgrove** dropped me a note with some news from the nurses. Barbara recently heard from **Majorie Taylor Romejko** who telephoned

in from Oregon to say "hello" to the Class. **Trudy Mahoney O'Keefe** from Butler, NJ wrote a lengthy note reporting the sad news of death of her husband. **Bernice Camerlengo McNamara** died of ovarian cancer in Sept. '97 after spending many years as a visiting nurse. We offer the O'Keefe and McNamara families the sincere sympathy of the Class. Barbara reports that she is working part time at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton in the addictions unit. • **Eugene D. Mahoney** and his wife, Ann, are retired and living in Yarmouth on the Cape. Gene was a former executive VP with BayBank. • **Dick Michaud** reports all is well in Greensboro, NC. He and his wife, Nancy, were married 43 years on July 23. They have five children and nine grandchildren—with number ten due shortly. Dick is owner of Michaud Co. in Greensboro and travels extensively. He still plays a little hockey and has founded Greensboro Ice Sports, an organization to promote ice sports in the greater Greensboro area. Dick has hung out the welcome sign for all classmates passing through his area. • **Leo and Peg Morrissey** are grandparents for the first time. Son Dan and his wife are proud parents of Declan James, born in March. Dan is a faculty member at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, NH. • **John L. Harrington**, president of the Boston Red Sox, will be inducted into the BC Hall of Fame in Oct. I will pass on further details in the next issue. • **Frank Lynch** is back on deck and in the swing of things after major surgery in late Feb. • **John J. Diggins** recently retired from the Boston public schools after 38 years of service, most recently as city-wide director of guidance. He is also a retired brigadier general in the elite Army Special Forces, a.k.a., the Green Berets. John now looks forward, along with his wife, Mary, a retired schoolteacher, to travel around the world by taking advantage of the military space-available option. • A mailing will go out in late summer covering all the details of our Class' annual fall event. • The Class extends its sincere sympathy to **Elizabeth S. Turley** and her family on the death of her mother, Anna Marie Scanlon, on April 25. • Condolences are also extended to the families of **William P. Norton**, who passed away in Aug. '97, and **Santo B. Listro**, who lost his wife, Pauline, on Sept. 4, 1997. • Class dues for the '98-'99 academic year are now due. Please remit \$25 to **Bill Tobin**, 181 Central St., Holliston, MA 01746. • Let's hear from you.



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Jim McNeill reports he's spending a year in England on company assignment—the last he hopes before retiring. He's been enjoying his stint visiting different places every weekend, and travelled to Ireland over Easter to visit relatives. Jim sent a very generous check to the Class, over and above dues, even though he couldn't attend the 40th. Jim would love to hear from any classmate traveling in England. His telephone is 01628 476649. • **Dan Cummins** was disappointed he couldn't attend our 40th, as he was away on "business" in the Caribbean. • **Joyce Ryder Rizzuto** reports that husband Tony '71 is retiring from the Air Force in Nov., and they recently bought a house in Malden. Tony and Joyce are very involved in parish activities as well as enjoying their granddaughter, Ashley Nicole, 1. • **Tom Kehoe** had a great time at the 40th—his first Reunion. Tom and wife Betty have two children, both graduates of UVA. Tom is semi-retired after 29 years working with the federal government as auditor, accountant and management analyst. • Meg Quinn sent a nice note and dues in memory of her husband, **Joe Quinn**, who loved BC and our Class. Joe died approximately 14 years ago. • What a Class we have! We started our Reunion year with a cruise in Marina Bay in Sept., followed by the BC-George Tech game and reception in the fall; Christmas Chorale and reception at Alumni House in Dec.; BC-UConn basketball game and reception in the president's box in Jan.; Laetare Sunday in March and then our fabulous 40th anniversary weekend in May. • Friday night at the Pops couldn't have been better, followed by the Parade of Classes and luncheon on Sat. We had Mass at St. Ignatius, followed by our gala dinner dance under the big white tent Sat. evening. The turnout for our dinner was unbelievable—180—representing a 100% increase over the turnout for

our 35th. As the turnout was so great, it would be impossible to list all in attendance. Special thanks to all who paid their dues which helped support the above mentioned activities.

• A toast to **Tom Tank Meehan** who came the furthest (Istanbul, Turkey) for our 40th. In recognition, the Class took up a special collection and purchased a 16 oz. bottle of Sam Adams for his trans-Atlantic gift. • **Peter Power**, originally from Brockton, lives in Little Spring, NJ and works for W. Cowen and Co. in NYC. Peter and his bride have eight children and 12 grandchildren. • **Dr. John F. Doc McCarthy** was honored by Fairfield Univ. for his 28 years as head ice hockey coach. McCarthy had an overall record of 345-327-20. In '94-'95, they had the most successful varsity season in school history, tying the record for most wins by a varsity hockey team. Beyond his coaching experience, Doc earned a master's and doctorate from Catholic Univ. He continues as an associate professor of psychology at Fairfield. • The fundraising goal for our 40th was \$603,000. To date, we have over \$700,000. Goal participation rate was 35%. Currently we have over 41% participation—17 President's Circle members, compared to nine last year; and 44 Fides members, compared to 35 last year. We should all be proud that the Class raised the second largest amount for a 40th anniversary class in BC's history. • At the first annual Alumni Memorial Mass, the names of the deceased members of the anniversary classes were published in the bulletin. Shockingly, we have lost 123 classmates. Sadly, this doesn't include the following seven names: condolences of the Class go to the families of **Joe Currier** of N. Eastham, a retired bank loan manager, who is survived by his wife, Thelma, a son Keith, and two daughters, Donna L. Clancy and Lynn Walo; **Ed Lee** of Needham, formerly an engineering manager at Digital, survived by his wife, Elizabeth, two sons, two daughters and three grandchildren. Ed tragically died in Aruba on March 20 while jogging. **Ed Lynch** of Hingham recently passed away. He was a teacher at Hull High School and an administrator in the Hull schools for 26 years. He was also former dean of students at Graham Junior College. Ed leaves his wife, Anne, of Hingham, two sons, two daughters and five grandchildren. **Bill Crowley** died in 1997. He lived in Barnstable and was retired from the Mass. Dept. of Education. He leaves his wife,

Monique, four daughters and three grandchildren. **Ann McLaughlin Bushey** of St. Albans, VT, was a teacher in St. Albans, and also recently passed away. She leaves her husband, John. **Richard Parker** of Concord, NH passed away in Germany on Oct. 25, 1997. He was executive VP of Raytheon. He leaves his wife, Joan, and daughter Elizabeth '97. **James Donahue** of Holbrook also recently passed away. He was a retired real estate broker, and leaves his wife, Mary, two sons and one daughter. • Don't forget your \$25 Class dues. Send to **Jack Mucca McDevitt**, 28 Cedar St., Medford, MA 02155. Please keep the cards and letters coming.

## 58N

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A fabulous 40th Reunion was had by all who returned to Newton the weekend of May 16. Amazing how we could pick up where we left off in '58—like it was yesterday! Ed and **Martha Dwyer Laurance** came all the way from Pacific Grove, CA; Dave and **Patty Peck Schorr** from Princeton, NJ; Dick and **Kate Glutting Arcand** from CT; Jerry and **Carol Higgins Reves** from Florida; Andres and **Lenora Salsedo Barreto** from WA; Judge Jim and **Sue Lawrence Starkey** from NY; **Judy Carey Zesiger** from NY; and Ed and **Julie Saver Reusch** from NH. The rest of us came from the Boston area—Bill and Jo Kirk Cleary, Sandra Thompson, Al and Carol Healey Hanley, Paul and Mickey Cunningham Wetzell, Bernie and Rosemary Stuart Dwyer, M.J. Eagan English, and Ike and Sheila Hurley Canty. • At the time of this writing, plans were in process to meet in NY Aug. 15. For those who could not attend the Reunion, you were missed. • Look forward to starting a Class newsletter—write to me at the address above.

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This is a tribute to an icon of the arts, Rev. Francis Sweeney, SJ. Father

Sweeney began teaching freshman English at BC in '51; he went on to teach poetry and non-fiction writing—and did this for 47 years, until his retirement this May. During that period, he also managed to publish four books, including *A Baroque Moment*, a book of poetry; *Bernadine Realino: Renaissance Man*; *The Crowned Hilltop* with Jack Frost, a discussion of BC's architecture with photos; and *It Will Take a Lifetime*, a collection of 30 sketches mostly from the *NY Times* with a few from the *Boston Globe*. He has also written more than 30 book reviews for the *NY Times*. He is now working on his memoirs, the first chapter of which highlights his association and friendship with T.S. Eliot. BC's fabled Humanities Series was initiated by Father Sweeney during our four years, beginning with our introduction to Robert Frost on April 3, 1957, with a repeat visit on March 26, 1958. We saw T.S. Eliot on May 14, 1958 and Ogden Reid in the spring of '59. I attribute my love for the arts to my classical background with the Jesuits at Brooklyn Prep (RIP 1972), to my BC roommate, **Dr. John Francis Flynn**, to my artistic wife, Regina, and especially to Father Francis Sweeney. Father Sweeney introduced me to the wonderful Humanities Series which enabled me not only to listen to the great Robert Frost, but actually meet him at a reception after his lecture and readings on two occasions, which were never to be forgotten experiences. In the 41 years since its inception, the Humanities Series has hosted over 300 notable figures on the Heights from various fields. In addition to Robert Frost, who appeared no less than seven times, and T.S. Eliot, who appeared twice, lecturers included Lillian Hellman, Margaret Mead, W.H. Auden, James Reston and Robert Penn Warren. Poet, playwright and pacifist Rev. Daniel J. Berrigan, SJ read his poetry in four different decades at BC: '69, '79, '84 and '94. Sir Alec Guinness read poetry the Nov. after our graduation, so we just missed seeing him. He was a resounding success and came back in '60 to receive an honorary degree. BC is the only American university to confer an honorary degree on this great actor, thanks to Fr. Sweeney who maintained a close relationship with Sir Alec. Fr. Sweeney: Thanks for bringing the Class of '59 closer to the arts with the Humanities Series. Finally, Fr. Sweeney, from this writer, thanks for giving me such a deep passion for the arts. May you enjoy your well-deserved retirement.



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The arrival of spring came with the sad news of the untimely death of **Judy Laird Wiley** from leukemia in Feb. Judy was a very capable and vivacious member of our Class and will be greatly missed. She had been a devoted public servant for 25 years in Hopkinton, serving on the planning board, library board and conservation commission. She also had a very successful career as a project leader at Honeywell Corp. We extend our deepest sympathy to her children, Julia and Justin, and to her entire family. • **Patty O'Neill** celebrated her 60th birthday with a unique trip to exotic Thailand where she participated in her favorite hobby, bird watching. Patty's next travel destination will probably be Peru. • The McLaughlin clan celebrated **Honey Good McLaughlin's** 60th birthday with a family ski adventure on the slopes of Park City and Deer Valley, UT. • Belated best wishes to all who reached the sixth decade this year. • Hope you all enjoyed a delightful summer of rest and relaxation. • Any news would be most welcome.

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Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of **Michael Galvin** of Stoughton who died in mid-March after a long illness. Mike was in the insurance business in Canton. • Condolences to **Jim Cuniff** and family on the unexpected loss of his wife, Judy, in early Dec. • **Coleman Foley** has informed us that he has not retired, as was reported in this column earlier. Coley is with Fleet Bank as a VP. He has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of Caritas Norwood and Southwood Hospitals. **Peter Manning** is also a board member of this group. • **Alan McLean** is a VP of BankBoston Executive Benefits, located downtown, which deals with high corporate plans. • **Jim Tonra** reports from Tequesta, FL that he and his wife, Joan, have retired and become FL residents. The Tonras summer in Quechee, VT and enjoy frequent

visits from family and grandchildren.

• **Brenda Crowley Harrington** received a medal from Joslin Diabetes Center and Lilly Co. as a result of successfully living 52 years with diabetes. She and husband Joe are still involved in College Academy and College Gate, their summer enrichment programs for bright children. • **Jack McAuliffe** writes from Wilton, CT. Jack has expanded his insurance and investment business by opening a larger office in Norwalk, CT. His wife, Kathi, is director of nursing services at Homestead Health Center in nearby Stamford. Three of their children have graduated from college, while the youngest is a senior at Bowdoin. • **Bill Leen** is with John Hancock in the venture capital field and lives in Brookline. • The BC Development Office recently hosted a semiannual meeting of the BC national development board at which they honored distinguished volunteer fund raisers. Our own **Bill Sullivan** was honored for his fund raising efforts and received the Philip J. Callan, Sr. Memorial Award for perseverance in the cause of BC advancement. Congratulations, Bill, for your tireless efforts.

## 60N

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Dear Classmates: It's been awhile since I've taken pen in hand, partly due to time and work constraints, but more accurately, due to the lack of information from you. Please consider sending me a note or postcard with some current personal or professional information to share in the next issue. • I did receive word about **Grace Tamm Escudero** from another Newtonite. Grace chaired the 75th Anniversary Spring Dinner Dance held by The Stone Ridge Alumnae in Bethesda, MD in April. She was also honored as one of nine Barat medal recipients at that celebration. Congratulations, Grace! • **Elaine Holland Early**, **Kathleen McDermott Kelsh**, **Carole Ward McNamara** and I flew to Wilmington, NC in mid-April to visit **Betsy DeLone Balas**, who is retired there with her husband, Bernie. Eight of us rented a suburban van and enjoyed sightseeing in Wilmington and took an overnight trip to Charleston, SC. Betsy arranged for a walking tour among the

historic areas and elegant homes. It was a wonderful five days together! • Many have expressed interest in reading the notes—and it really should reflect the whole Class, not just those in this area. Let's hear from you!

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The April Reunion was successful by any standards. **Rev. Mike Duffy** celebrated Mass and returned the same day to his Philadelphia mission to oversee Sunday's dinner, a distribution ritual that always takes precedence. He was honored in May with the BC Alumni Association Award of Excellence in Religion. • **Nancy Hebert Drago** contributed to the sacred event with scripture readings. Poised, articulate and well coifed: she just couldn't find the pages to read. • **Bob Kelly** lamented that after becoming a member of the new BC Downtown Club, he couldn't find any guests to join him. He said he had a wonderful view from his table for one. • Former Mayor of Newton **Tom Concannon** confided he is thinking of running for a State senator's seat. • **Jack Carr** and son work at their Framingham-based Printing Service Co. He's sure that his old digs in that same town are now too big for him and wife Pat. Apparently the job of cleaning out the attic and its store of old memories fell to her, and she threw up her hands in despair at throwing out anything—including Jack. • The **Dick Glasheens** actually made a move. They traded in Needham for Sherborn. Avis waxed enthusiastically about their private bathroom. Dick curses having to remember where forks, shoes and T.P. are now kept. The Glasheens have recently welcomed their sixth grandchild, Griffin Murray; their seventh is on the way. • **Mary Trabini's** white wine carefully matched her outfit of the same shade. • **Ginny O'Neil** emphatically stated she would provide this correspondent with some wonderful newsworthy item and then receded into the milling crowd. If you're reading this Ginny, I'm still waiting. • **Peggy Ryan Collins** assumed the role of house mother, worrying aloud about buffet lines and whether new attendees were being recognized. Like any good teacher, Peggy clapped her hands to have her somewhat unruly classmates

take their seats. • Dinner was emceed by **Paul Brennan** who received a BC chair for his efforts in spearheading fundraising for The St. Francis Inn. **John Cinella** nicely suggested the chair could be outfitted with rockers. • Alumni President **Tom Martin** contributed the splendid video of Fr. Duffy's North Philly work. All in all, \$70,000 has been pledged to date—a remarkable achievement from one class. • **Joel and Maryann DiMario Landry** are proud new grandparents to Isabella Giuliana Landry, born to Lisa and Joel, Jr. • **Donna and Bob Sullivan** celebrated 34 years of marriage with a trip to Arizona. • **Danny Cohen** is working at Filene's—back in Chestnut Hill after 22 years with the Defense Logistical Agency. • The **John Carrs** have three grandchildren and one on the way. Jack says he gets upset when his kids don't relate to the fact that in his childhood, he thought day old bread was a brand name. Sorry, Jack. That sounds like a day old joke. In Aug. the Carr's will be on extended vacation in Ireland for a family wedding. • The **John Rossettis** not only don't have grandchildren, they don't even have married children; they'll consider renting a grandchild from the Carrs or Glasheens. • **Dick Gillis** was not shy about being assigned to Bangor, ME by Paine Webber for the past year. Dick is a grandfather times three, and was inducted into Cambridge's Maignon High School Hall of Fame for his football prowess. • Word passed along the food lines that annual dues of \$25 are politely requested ASAP. Please mail your check to BC Class of 1961, c/o Dick Glasheen, 25 Bogastow Brook Road, Sherborn, MA 01770. • **Jack Lane**, **John Lonergan** and **George Downey** serve on the board of directors for Christmas in April and spent a day helping rehab 14 Boston housing units. • **Judy and John Lonergan's** son, Jay, has graduated from Fordham and is pursuing a career in television. • **Veronica McLoud Dort** celebrated her 20th wedding anniversary to husband Yuzo; younger son, Paul, graduated from BC High and older son, Malcolm (Carleton College '00), is doing spring trimester in Paris. • **Marian and Phil Donahue** have children ranging in age from 20 to 35; their brood includes both a college sophomore and grandchildren from their first born. Ever positive, Phil says there is light at the end of the tunnel, or at least it seems to be getting closer. • Reunion notes will be continued next issue.



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We got together for a phone-a-thon at BC's Alumni House (our old library) in late March. Sallie Dow Casey, Gael Sullivan Daly, Rosie Hanley Cloran, Brigid O'Sullivan Sheehan and yours truly had a super time together. What a fun thing to do! Those of you we found at home were a delight to talk with; we were able to get great news for this column. We lucked out by having our phone-a-thon the same night as an Alumni Association meeting, and were graciously invited to join that group for a bountiful buffet supper. Those of you we were unable to reach, but took the time to call me later and let me know how and what you're doing, were very much appreciated! • **Gael Sullivan Daly** and **Tim** have now retired and moved from Natick to Scituate. They renovated the Daly summer house there at 5 Pond View Ave. and will be living on the South Shore year 'round. Gael's mother, Gramma Sullivan, lives close by, and is enjoying children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren! • **Babs Kager** has finished writing her doctoral thesis, "Age Discrimination in Hiring," and is boning up for the defense. It won't be long now until we have Babs Kager, PhD. • Had a great e-mail from **Missy Clancy Rudman** informing me her e-mail address is [NewtonMiz@aol.com](mailto:NewtonMiz@aol.com). Now I ask you, is that not the greatest? Missy and Bob's son, Tim, graduated from Marquette Dental School with a degree in orthodontics this past May; daughter Michelle has returned from hotel work in Hawaii and is now reservations manager at the Four Seasons in Dallas. Nice to have one's daughter in the same state! • Yours truly, by the way, celebrated her most recent birthday (they do get better and better, it's a fact!) with daughter Barbara in San Francisco. Neither of us live even slightly close to San Fran, but it's a great place to visit! • I have found it nearly impossible to keep up with everyone's wonderful news of grandchildren. Not too many years ago, it seemed as if our Class was going to outdo every other in children-per-person ratio; if we didn't earn that title, we'll surely hold the number of grandchildren record! • **Suzy Harding O'Connor** and **Billy** say

that all is fine in Port Washington, NY. Suzy is VP and head of development for the area hospice care network. Suzy and two others started the program nine years ago; it now serves 290 patients a day. Suzy and Billy also are enjoying grandchildren, although it's hard when they're across the Atlantic in England. • Yours truly enjoyed the Alumni Association Laetare Sunday brunch at BC, sitting with **Margot Bruguiera Martin** and **Bob**. They have been long-time supporters of Covenant House in NYC and came to hear Covenant House president Sister Mary Rose McGeady's inspiring talk. Both Margot and Bob look terrific. • Please everyone: send me notes or call anytime. E-mail is fine, too! Please note my new phone area code and my new postal zip code: a double whammy, all in six months!

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It was good to hear from **David Madigan**. Dave has had his own insurance agency in Portland, ME for the past 30 years. He resides with his wife in Topsham, ME. They are the parents of four daughters. Dave is active in St. John's Parish in Brunswick and is on the board of directors of the Marist Fathers order of priests. • Congratulations to **Peter Braun** on his new position as head of institutional sales and marketing for Santander Global Advisors, a division of Banco Santander, Spain's largest bank. Peter resides with his wife, Linda, and two sons in Hingham. • Congratulations to **John J. Jack Gallagher** on being named science director of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG). Jack was the 1990 recipient of BC's Alumni Award of Excellence in Science. AAPG has over 31,000 members in 115 countries. • Congratulations to **Peter Vial** on the upcoming marriages of his two daughters in 1998. Peter is retired from Ford Motor Co. and is currently an executive search consultant. • The Class wishes John Wissler '57 our heartiest congratulations on his retirement as Executive Director of the Boston College Alumni Association. In effect, John has headed up the Association from the time of our 5th reunion to the present. He has truly done an outstanding job! • Also, congratulations to the very

many members of the Class who recently celebrated their 40th high school reunions. It seems like such a short time ago when I thought that someone 25 years out of high school or college was really quite old! • Please do as Dave Madigan did—get in touch so that I can have some good news to report. Thanks!

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As most of you know from the notice in the spring edition, **Bill Koughan** died April 6. Bill did a commendable job of keeping us all posted on one another's whereabouts. As I pick up his role as Class correspondent, it's my hope that I can build on his efforts and knit us even more closely together. That, I believe, would be a most fitting tribute to his memory and his efforts. • Having recently just marked a most successful 35th Reunion year, thanks to the efforts of **John Bucci** and **John Golden** among others, I believe our interest in knowing where our paths have taken each of us is of greater interest than ever. And, so I urge you, write with news of what you're doing, where you're living, family happenings or classmates you're trying to find. View this as your forum, a place where you can reach out to try and reconnect with fellow classmates. Our BC connection is a special bond. Because it is, I would like to find more ways for us to rekindle and strengthen our ties to one another. One way we might do this is to publish a directory that would show by state where each of us is living and working. Would you like to have the e-mail addresses of other classmates? If you think a resource directory with such information would be of interest, let me know. Also let me know if you would be willing to get involved in such a project. • Pass along your ideas also for other get-togethers. • As you've heard, we had

one of the most successful 35th Reunions ever. About 166 classmates showed up for our dinner dance on May 16—a record turnout! While Mass. had the largest delegation, there were eight classmates from Connecticut, seven from New York, four from New Jersey, three from New Hampshire, two from Rhode Island, two from Virginia, and one each from Florida and Iowa! **Robert Laronga** came the longest distance from Des Moines, IA, while **John McGann** flew in from Fairfax, VA, **Lawrence Chandler** from Charlottesville, VA and **George Dewey** from Orlando, FL. In the next column, I'll run more of the list of who turned out. • On Friday, May 15 at BC Night at the Pops, I saw **John Cuneo** of Cohasset, **Gerry Wary** and **Charlie Carr** from CT, and **Guy Garon** and his wife, **Kathy (O'Brien)** '64, who came in from Maine. • The week before our Reunion saw our Class ably represented by **Jack Connors** who handled the master of ceremonies duties with professional aplomb for John Wissler's retirement dinner. • Related to the Alumni Association, congratulations are in order for **Edward J. O'Brien, Jr., MD**, who has been voted the new VP/president-elect for the '98-'99 Alumni Board of Directors. • On a sadder note, **Maryanne True Yezukevich**, who lives with husband **George Yezukevich** in S. Weymouth, sent along news that her father, **Thomas F. True, Jr.** '38, died Jan. 5, and that **Lorraine I. Foley** died on March 10. Our prayers and sympathies go out to these families. • While it's nice to share good news about our Class, it's also important for us to know of anyone who needs our prayers and support. So please continue to pass along information of this sort as well. • Having lived and worked for 13 years away from Boston in Atlanta, I know firsthand how much it meant to me to get news of fellow classmates. Now back in Boston since '84, I'm in the acronym-filled world of telecommunications and eager to share news of anything other than ISDN, xDSL, ATM and SONET technologies. I'm a long way from my early beginnings as a reporter for UPI. And, I'm sure most of you have taken trips down many different paths since 1963 as well. I'll be soliciting news of "your story" through postcards. So be sure and fill them out and get them back to me. But don't wait until then to write. You can reach me by e-mail, fax or phone—all of which are listed above. I look forward to hearing from you.



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To quote **Carolyn McInerney McGrath** in reference to our 35th Class Reunion, "everybody looked pretty darn good." The ambiance was great, and after 39 years, our Class has finally come together! • Over 40 girls came from all over to the luncheon held under the tent at Barat on Saturday afternoon, and then went on to a delicious catered dinner inside Barat Saturday evening. • **Maggie Burns Ferrari** and husband Gene hosted a champagne after-party later on Saturday evening to toast **Tina Soccolich Godchaek**'s new book. Joining Maggie and Gene were **Anne McCracken Fitzpatrick** and her husband, **Andre, Molly Tobin Espen, Karen Mulvey, Sharon Leahy Mahar** and **Carolyn McInerney McGrath**, to name a few. • Our thanks to **Carol Donovan Levis** and **Delia Conley Flynn** for a fun-filled weekend. Unfortunately, Carol's mother fell just before the Reunion, so Carol had to fly to Chicago and missed all the festivities. • **Mary Ann Burke Buckley** came from San Francisco both for the Reunion and her daughter, Meggie's, graduation from BC. • **Dorothy Daly Voris** also attended BC's graduation to see daughter Megan accept her degree. Megan has a twin brother Michael. • Heard that **Karen Morley Brennan** is an English professor at Univ. of Utah. • **Stephanie Hamburger Eckert** was just awarded a master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola Univ. in New Orleans. • Sorry I missed seeing all of you in May. Bob and I have been busy opening a new lighting showroom in Naples, FL. We also have two new grandchildren, **Caton Alexandra Wilson**, born in Dec., and **John Robert Wilson**, who arrived in April. This brings our grandchild total to five. • I look forward to any and all news. Keep me posted.

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Heartfelt thanks go to the '64 School of Education luncheon committee

and its co-chairs, **Ursula Maglio Lyons** and **Ellie Rupp Downey**. April 26th marked the event's 10th anniversary, which has been the catalyst of a special camaraderie. This bond is reflected in a poem, "Our Stories," by **Eileen Howley Luddy**. Eileen is teaching in the interdisciplinary studies department at Salem State College and has been accepted in a doctoral program at UMass Lowell. Ursula and Ellie were presented with magnificent vivid watercolors, painted by **Celia Connell McDonough**. Celia and **Stephanie Elliot DeMambro** were in Florida visiting Celia's mother. We voted to continue the luncheon annually. Taking over the helm will be **Jane Beggan McQueeney, Roseann Vitale McMackin** and **Stephanie Elliot DeMambro**. Jane is teaching in Arlington; Roseann retired this past June after 30 years of teaching high school and is celebrating with a trip to Greece with Stephanie. • Also attending were **Angela Allard Angelini**, who has recently made a job change—the only problem is that husband Bruce is having to adjust to the fact that Angela now has to clear her vacation time through someone else; **Ann Wisneski Evans**, who proudly announced her son was going to be sworn in as a police officer; **Carol Cox Mazuy**, who is now VP of marketing for Voicetek; and **Priscilla Chapin**, who is at Perkins School for the Blind, and entertained us with stories of her travels. • We were grateful for the recovery of **Patricia Moran Ouellet**, who nearly died from a drug reaction and ended up at Mass. General. She's now back at work teaching middle school in Boston and looking forward to her daughter's wedding, which she was determined not to miss. • **Joan Rapp**, consultant to the Mass. Department of Mental Health, gave us an update on her foster son. • **Kathleen Clark Sparr** moved from Texas to New Hampshire, so we look forward to seeing her again. • **Alice Buckley Brennan** is still with the Shrewsbury school system, but is out of the classroom, working on curriculum. • **Ellie Rupp Downey** is now an asset manager with HUD. • Some Class members who were unable to attend sent their best wishes and news. **Suzanne Audet Chase** is teaching in Mill Valley, CA and would like to hear from anyone visiting San Francisco. Her oldest daughter, Allison, graduated from BC in May. • **Linda Caristo Crescenzi** was attending a wedding in Texas, but is looking for anyone who would like to work on a program for SOE alumni. • **Janice Hurley Fallon** and Tom had the

christening of new granddaughter **Alexandra Fallon Gustis**, daughter of **Mary Fallon Gustis '89**. • **Carolyn Barrette Ford** was in Missouri caring for her grandchildren. Her daughter, Carrie, recently had twins, Jennifer and Michael; they join sister Bethany and brothers Mark and Drew. • **Martha Gordon Guillette** is experiencing an "empty nest" but has been spending time painting. • **Ann Sardellffi Guden** had her daughter's wedding shower the same day as our luncheon. She's working with developmentally delayed students at Watertown Middle School and also teaches natural family planning at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center. • **Edwina Blaguszewski O'Neill** was at the Cape with her four granddaughters. • **Betsy Fitzpatrick Rae** is expecting her first grandchild in Sept. • Along with sharing the joys and successes of our classmates, I must also inform you of those who have passed on. Our prayers go to the families of **Patricia Lydon Cournoyer** of School of Nursing, and **Maryann Hughes**, wife of **Jim Hughes** of Newbury, both of whom have recently died. **William C. Skulley Jr.**, lawyer and member of the Wakefield School Committee, died of cancer. Our condolences go to his wife, Sandra, and his four children. **James F. Taddeo**, teacher and athletic director at Gardner High School, also died of cancer. He leaves his wife, Cinthia. Jim was eulogized by **Walter Dubzinski**, Gardner High's principal, who said, "all of us here are better for having associated with him." • Class president **Norb Nyhan** let us know the initial event of our 35th Reunion will be a post-Navy football game reception on Oct. 24 in the Walsh Hall function room. The formal flyer and ticket order form will be mailed in mid-Aug. Should you require tickets, please return the request as soon as possible, as we only have 30 tickets. • Please send news.

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I have not heard from anyone recently, so I have no news for this issue. I plan to sent out a mailing in the fall asking for news from classmates. • I have accepted a position as president of the Women's Association for the Chicago Symphony

Orchestra. It is a two-year commitment and almost a full-time job. Is there anyone out there who would like to take over as a Class correspondent? I would be happy to resume after my term is over, but I need some help now. Let me know if you are interested.

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**Neal** and I are delighted to announce that our daughter **Suzanne** will be a freshman at BC this fall. If there are any other classmates whose children will be attending BC, please drop me a line. • **Frank Previte**, president of Cambridge-based **EnviroBusiness, Inc.**, has two sons who have graduated from BC. Both sons are now in the MBA program at BC. • By the time this column is printed, **Sarah Ann** and **Jim Mahoney's** son **Jim** will have married **Kim Benscoter** in Princeton, NJ. The Mahoneys have had a busy wedding year with **Christine** being married in Sept., and **Sarah** in Dec. • Watch your mail! Word has it that the Class of 1965 is planning a 33 1/3rd reunion for sometime in the fall, most likely around a football game. • As you can see, we need information for this column. If you have promised to write, do it as soon as you receive this issue. Three people definitely owe me news: **Kathy McCarthy McSweeney, Tom Clark** and **Terry Bleiler**. You all promised!

# 65N

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**Mary Thilman Hasselbring** and husband **Lee** disappeared for a time in the wake of a move that took them from Bermuda to Panama. Here is a recent update, thanks to **Gretchen Monagan Sterling**, quoting from their Christmas '97 letter: "Mary has been volunteering with Mother Theresa's team, helping people who need help, and has been discovered by ANCON, a local conservation group, as a good person to take care of wild animals in need of help. Lee has been teaching general science and physics to high schoolers. He



spent the summer at Purdue preparing for his doctorate exams. Doug (firstborn) is in Hawaii, manager of the USN Rainbow Bay Marina in Pearl Harbor. Tim is doing construction in Bermuda. Gretchen is in her third year at Univ. of Notre Dame studying environmental anthropology." • Y2K=NC65x35, that is, by the time you read this, there are less than 19 months before the next major Class reunion—the 35th in 2000. The millennial year should be an exciting moment to reflect on our post-college lives. • Any ideas for regional/national get togethers?

## 66

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Although our notes are sparse this issue, they are filled with news of joy in anticipation of **John Buckely** assuming the presidency of our Boston College Alumni Association for the '98-'99 year. Congratulations to him and also to **Paul Delaney**, who has been elected chair of the Nominating Committee, which selects the candidates from the ranks of the at-large alumni population and nominates those distinguished alumni for inclusion on the ballot for the next Board of Directors and Alumni Officers. Congratulations for your commitment to Alma Mater and the Alumni Association. • Congratulations also to **John F. Hodgman** in answering the call to volunteerism by serving as co-chair of the technology division of the '98 United Way of Mass. Bay campaign. John has served in various positions in both the private and public sectors. He is currently president of the Mass. Technology Development Corp. in Boston. John and his wife, Eileen, live in Brookline. Their son, John K., 26, is a literary agent and lives and works in NY. I was happy to see both Paul and John and the reception which BC held in June to honor Congressman Joseph Moakley from South Boston for his endeavors to bring justice to the murderers of the six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter in El Salvador. • I also enjoyed the company of **Mary Halligan Shann** and **Eileen Ahern Connors** at the wonderful retirement reception given in May to honor retiring Alumni Association Executive Director John Wissler. • Please join me in extending condolences to the family of **Anthony Picarello** whose mother, Rose,

passed away in March. Condolences are also sent to the family of **Charles Morrison**, retired Mass. State Police officer of Swampscott, who died in March. *Requiescat in pace.*

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**Jocelyn Beck Hoy** teaches feminist philosophy at UC Santa Cruz; her daughter, Meredith, just completed her sophomore year at Yale. • **Pauly Dalling Fongemie** sent an e-mail recently reporting that she works full time (at home—we're envious!) doing graphics and web page maintenance for *The Catholic Tradition*, a megasite (catholictradition.org). Pauly has been married for 32 years and has three grown sons and a granddaughter. One of her sons is a seminarian with the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter in Scranton, PA. Pauly recently returned to the BC campus for a Catholic conference—her first visit back since leaving Newton. • **Donna Padula** was recently promoted to chief probation officer of the Malden District Court. Donna and Ted Flaherty, her life partner and significant other, took up skiing 13 years ago. They own a condo at Loon Mountain, and Donna reports that they "can be seen on weekends working (and schussing) as Loon Mountain Ambassadors!" Summer weekends see them at Seabrook, NH. Their goal is to spend six months in each place once they retire. • **Doris Heller Wise** is a systems administration supervisor at American General Life and Accident in Nashville, TN. Her son, John, is technical director for a dance company, Momix, headquartered in Connecticut. Son Chris is an electrical engineer for the Cutler Hammer Division of Eaton Corp. in Nashville. • **Janice Sacco Ablon** is a psychotherapist at Health and Education Services Center for Family Development in Beverly, a general practice outpatient mental health facility. Her husband, Jerome, is a business consultant. Janice has traveled in recent years to China, Kenya, Egypt, and Europe—and sees more travel in her future. • **Kathy Hyland Krein** is a business analyst for an insurance company in Hartford, CT. Her husband, Doug, had to retire some years ago due to ill health. The Kreins

have two daughters; Linda is working in North Carolina as a speech pathologist, and Susan is in college. Kathy reports that she "enjoys what I am doing now, even the frantic pace, and hope that I can continue for years to come." • **Mary Lou Wachsmith** is an attorney in Newport Beach, CA, where she focuses on family law, probate, personal injury and bankruptcy. Mary Lou reports that she was admitted to practice law and sworn in on June 6, 1991—the 25th anniversary of our Newton graduation! Son Jeff recently spent a year teaching in Japan; son Josh has focused his attention on creative arts with a computer emphasis. • **Terry Ancona de Orueta** is director of the American School of Bilbao in Vizcaya, Spain. Terry met her husband while she was on the Experiment in International Living in '65; they have four grown daughters. Terry reports that a big thrill for her was "coinciding with **Eugenie Webb Maine** at an educational conference in Rome in Nov. '94. My daughter was with me for a short while, and she couldn't believe that Eugenie and I hadn't seen one another for 28 years. We just picked up where we'd left off. It was great fun!" • Our belated condolences to the family of **Anne Barry**, who died on July 3, 1997.

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**Geraldine Beck Dodson-Smith** has retired as a full colonel from the Air Force after 30 years. She and hubby Bill can't wait to move aboard the Endeavor 40 they bought last year and sail to the Bahamas. The only thing holding them back is waiting for Bill's retirement. Their daughter, Jena, is getting married this summer to a Naval aviator. Jena is a first grade teacher in Jacksonville, FL. Three of Jena's sisters are in the bridal party. • Another welcomed letter is from **Paul Driscoll**, PhD from Chicago. Paul was called to active duty in Europe as part of Operation Joint Venture, the NATO peacekeeping mission in Bosnia. Paul was previously called up in '90-'91 for Desert Storm. Paul and wife Laurie have two sons who are attending St. Ignatius College Prep and a 10-year-old daughter. Paul has both a private practice in psychology/counseling and continues to work as a clinical psychologist at

Cook County Hospital. Laurie is starting her own business after serving as a nurse midwife and a technology specialist for their local school district. • **Tom Marchitelli** is at UMass Boston as a project manager for year 2000 compliance. He previously served as property manager at the harbor campus. Tom is very active with the National Property Managers Association, having been appointed its budget director. Tom and wife Helen live in Waltham and have two of their children at home. Daughter Laura works for Lightbridge in customer service, and Tommy, 17, is at Waltham High. Their oldest daughter, Annmarie, is on her own, working for Concentra as a medical record specialist. • It was good to see **John Connorton** entertaining a client over dinner at the BC Club. • Please write or call with news; it's been pretty sparse lately.

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Saw a great photo of **Barbara Madden Johnson** the New England holistic magazine *Spirit of Change*. Barbara is a master practitioner in neuro-linguistic programming, practicing in Belmont. • **Donna Shelton** of Vienna, VA wrote with news that her oldest daughter married in Oct., and that the younger one graduated from Univ. of Wisconsin with an MPA and a law degree. She missed our reunion because of the graduation. Donna herself works for Lockheed Martin managing an information systems business. She skis Taos, travels Germany and the Czech Republic, but still has the same problems as the rest of us!

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Our 30th Reunion Weekend was fantastic! About 200 of us gathered at the Heights in May for a wonderful weekend of friendship and high spirits. The '68 Eagles are such a



special, fun-loving class...and this time of sharing laughter and memories is a treasure. *Great* classmates and a *great* class! • **Billy O'Brien** introduced the dinner entertainment, BC's a cappella music chorus, the Heightsmen. Billy's son is a member of this talented group, and our class thundered its applause. • Sharon and **Jim Kissane's** Reunion Weekend was highlighted by their daughter Amy's graduation from the Heights. Amy was senior editor of the '98 *Sub Turri*. Mary and **Joe Donovan** were also on campus for their daughter Kathleen's graduation and induction into BC's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. My family flew in from all over the country to celebrate our youngest son Andrew's graduation. **Tommy Dolan** and his family celebrated their daughter Megan's graduation and joined us for a great graduation party. • A very touching memento for each of us attending the Reunion was the gift of a sketch of Gasson Hall, donated in memory of **Mike Fairley** by his wife, Jini. Such a beautiful gesture! Thank you, Jini, from all of the Class of '68. • Congratulations to **Jim Toupal**, who has been inducted into the National Junior College Basketball Hall of Fame. Jim is in his 26th year as head coach at Trinidad State Junior College in Trinidad, CO. His 25-year record is 594-208. He set a national record in 1990 with 132 consecutive home court victories. He has been Region 9 Coach of the Year four times. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Trinidad. • Harvard Law School has announced the appointment of **Frank Porcelli** as the John A. Reilly Visiting Professor for Practice in Intellectual Property. He will teach a course on patent law. Frank earned his degree from Harvard Law School, as well as a graduate degree in chemistry from Northeastern. Frank is a principal of Fish & Richardson in Boston and is past-president of the Boston Patent Law Association. • **Steve Ridge** of Needham has joined the Savings Bank of Wakefield as VP and executive trust officer. He manages the bank's personal trust department. Steve is a trustee of the Paul Revere House and a Knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. • **Mark Schwartz** is living in Scottsdale, AZ after a two-year stint in Salt Lake City. He is now a captain, flying for Southwest Airlines. Mark hopes to move back to Boca Raton, FL by the end of the year, and will be based out of Baltimore/Washington International Airport. He has been searching for the ultimate white-water rafting trip. So far, his best trip has

been in Costa Rica. • We send our sympathy and condolences to the family of **Thomas Flaherty** of Ludlow who passed away last June. • Please write or e-mail news of your latest adventures.

## 68N

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The Class of '68 is alive and well! • Many thanks to Mary Fran DePetro Murphy, Maura Jane Curtis Griffin, Susie Derry Hughes, Carolyn Brady O'Leary, Kathy Hogan Mullaney, Pat Wolf, Marcy McPhee Kenah and Jeannie Sullivan McKeigue, for organizing the kick-off Cape Escape. 27 classmates gathered at Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster for two days of catching up, beach walks, golf, antiquing, and, of course, the fabulous clambake Thursday night. We all want to be on **Ellen Mooney Mello's** diet which allowed her to eat two giant lobsters! **Sheila Mac Macintyre** got even the skeptics to breathe deeply and chant "sut nam" during her yoga classes. Breakfast at Grumpy's (which was anything but) concluded our stay. Thanks to **Pat Wolf**, we all drove off the Cape in a perfect Reunion state of mind, listening to the two-hour Newton tape she put together. • While some attended Pops Friday night, and others the Garden Party on Newton's (changed!) campus Saturday, the main event was our Class party at the BC Club in downtown Boston. The spectacular panoramic view was the perfect backdrop for lively conversation. • Here's what some of our classmates are up to: **Anne O'Hara Day** is a public housing consultant who has testified before the US Senate. • **Carolyn Brady O'Leary** has recently helped open a new library in Medfield. • **Kathy Hardy Bobzien** teaches math in Reston, VA. • After 20 years with Ethan Allen, **Kathy Hlavaty Delahaunty** has switched careers and is now the retail manager of a new golf club pro shop. (She and **Mary Fran DePetro** are also pretty good golfers!) Mary Fran has her own giftware business. • **Kathy Craig Carr** is in the process of getting her MSW. • **Donna Deeley** returned from 3 1/2 years in Europe, setting up telecommunications systems in such places as the Hague. She assures us that her programs are ready for the millennium!

• **Connie Ghossa Clark** is a psychopharmacologist. She prescribes drugs used in the treatment of mental disorders. • **Pat Brock** visited friends in Canada after graduating from Newton and never returned! She has her doctorate and lives and teaches in Montreal. • Congratulations to **Linda Cavaliere Burke** who retired after 30 years of teaching. • **Ann Barbachia Pollack** still maintains her ob/gyn practice on Long Island. • **Martha Harrington Kennedy** became a grandmother for the second time and is embarking on a new career as a stockbroker. • It was great to see **Joan Hauserman Collignon**, who came from Berkeley, CA for her first reunion. • **Donna Julian**, **Lucy Winter**, **Kathy Condon**, **Santa Jean D'Ambrosio**, **Jamie Coy**, **Louise Demers**, **Jane Hanify**, **Susan Regine**, **Anne Dolan**, **Janet Ferranto**, **Trish Marshall**, **Katie O'Connor** (Chicago), **Julia Lopez**, **Pam Maine**, **Marie Manahan**, **Jane Sullivan**, **Polly Kaiser** and **Meg O'Mara** were also in attendance. • Travel kudos go to **Marge Gaynor**, who was recovering from a torn Achilles' tendon, incurred while cheering at a Denver Broncos game. Ah, that Newton spirit! • **Judy Vetter** is considering becoming a rancher and arrived in style with her fancy kangaroo and baby calf boots. • More news will follow in the next issue, but please note that the Reunion torch has been passed from the Santa Fe and Boston crowds to the NY/CT group. The year: 2001. **Anne Mulligan**, **Ellen Flynn**, **Katie O'Connor**, **Reggie Kelly** and **Jeanne Daley** were unanimously elected coordinators. **Betty Downes** brought the ceremonial teepee, with its time capsule, from Santa Fe. It now resides in Brooklyn with **Barbara Farrell**, awaiting our next gathering. • It was impossible to talk with everyone, so please pass on any tidbits you may have learned.

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Bradford College, located in Haverhill, recently announced that **Richard Sheehan** was elected to the College's board of trustees. Richard is a partner at the Haverhill law firm of Sheehan, Schiavoni, Mooradian and Jutras. Richard serves as a trustee of the Haverhill Library and is a

director of Haverhill Co-Operative Bank. Richard resides in Haverhill with his wife, Carole, and their four children, Jessica, Stephanie, Carolyn and Jonathan. • Associated Industries of Mass., the largest statewide employer association, named **Peter Chase** chairman of its board of directors. Peter is president and chief executive officer of the Chase Corp. in Braintree. Peter and his family reside in Bridgewater. • I am sorry to announce that **Gary Andrachik** died Nov. 15, 1997 after suffering a heart attack at his home in Rocky River, OH. Gary was a partner in the law firm of Andrachik and Webster in Cleveland and was also the prosecutor and assistant law director for Twinsburg, OH. Gary leaves a son, Keith, of Cincinnati. • **Bob Kovacevich** is in charge of the Avatar Co., a Casselberry, FL consulting firm that works with nonprofit organizations. Bob's 24-year-old daughter is a teaching assistant and grad student at Vanderbilt, studying mezzo-American cultures. Bob also has a seven-year-old son. • **Peter McGowan** is a commercial loan officer for BankBoston. Peter's oldest son, David, graduated from BC High School in June and will be attending BC in the fall. The McGowans reside in Scituate. • Among our classmates who attended the May reception at BC to honor John Wissler on the occasion of his retirement were **Marty Gavin**, **Paul Branca**, **Jim Blake**, **Joe Marzetti** and **Jim Littleton**, your correspondent. Both the Blakes and Marzettis have sons who completed their sophomore years at BC: Stephen Blake, son of Jane and Jim Blake, is an accounting major; and Matthew Marzetti, son of Rose and Joe Marzetti, is a student in A&S. • **Greg Mack**, now Dr. Greg with a PhD in electrical engineering, is with Booz Allen Hamilton in the DC area. Greg and wife Ann Marie have five children, three girls and two boys, between the ages of 12 and 22. In Feb., Greg donated a kidney to Ann Marie, who suffered renal failure as a result of kidney disease. Both Greg and Ann Marie made a quick recovery and are now doing very well. • I hope all of you enjoyed your summer. Please take the time and let me know what is new with you.

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Today is June 1. The deadline for this Sept. issue is today, and I haven't heard too much from any of you. *Get off your duffs*. Send me some news so I won't have to make it up. • **Bob Mongan** informed me that **Pete Leonard** has recently left TRW for a VP's position (Bob says a position is better than a job) with General Motors in Saginaw, MI. • Thanks to **Phil Cody** and his wife, Cindy, for the hospitality in Florida this Easter. It was sort of a mini-reunion as the Cavallaros were joined by **Charlie Reagan**, his wife, Joan, and their two daughters, the oldest of whom attends the Heights. It was a very traditional Easter dinner: barbecued kielbasa, hot dogs and burgers on the grill, with some frostys to wash it all down. The only down side was that we got to telling some stories of college life in the '60s and now my kids won't let me forget about it. After dinner, Phil took us to see the new house they are building on the intercoastal waterway. He asked me to use this column to invite all of you for a visit. • **Paul Mahoney** is busy organizing the annual Flog tournament on the Cape scheduled for later this week. It seems tougher and tougher to coordinate so many schedules, even when we start planning six months in advance. More later. • I received a phone call not too long ago from **Harry Johnson**. He runs his own accounting service here in CT, but claims to be semi-retired. Must be nice. He reminded me of how he got his nickname, Harvey Wallbanger, while we were in Bermuda on spring break in '70. I believe it had something to do with an accident and a motor bike. • **John Gorman** dropped me a note to tell me that after 11 years he has recently stepped down as managing partner of the largest CPA firm in Arizona. He now is in charge of the firm's valuation and litigation support team and recently helped some clients win a \$146 million jury award. • I was recently in southern NH on business, and while stopped at a traffic light in Methuen, MA, I glanced to the right to see a sign that read **Anthony A. Copani, Esq.** How many of them could there be? He wasn't in, but one of his staff members shared with me that he teaches law, had recently moved his office to

Methuen, and was the father of a one-month-old daughter. Tony, what took you so long? I left my card, but he never called back. He definitely is fair game for the Dec. issue. • I knew when I wrote my last column that it wouldn't be out by June 1 so I'll grant a reprieve to my first victims. I will be much tougher on Tony Copani if I don't hear from him. **Kathy Skinner**: I'm waiting. • Well that's all the news from the Class of '70, where our waists are still thin and our hair is still thick. Thanks, God bless, and *buckle up*.

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**Stewart M. Dobson** is VP of Steel Art in Boston. His company is a manufacturer of architectural signage. Many signs on campus are the result of Stu's skill. Stu and Barbara live in Natick; Stu beamed with pride while telling of daughter Rachel at Univ. of Wisconsin and son Joshua, a junior at Natick High. • No need to adjust your TV set during the NCAA Final Four hockey tournament. That **John Powers** look-alike skating on wing for BC is his son, Andy. Well done, Andy, on a most entertaining season. • Our condolences to **Meredith Turner Grip** and her family upon the death of her mother, Edith. Merry's sister, Jean, is married to **Gary Dancewicz**. • News from San Francisco. **David M. McAuliffe** has accepted appointment as chief operating officer of the investment banking firm of Habrecht & Quist. Congratulations, Dave! • **Christine Savage** e-mailed from Cincinnati. Recently Christine was awarded a doctorate at the Univ. of Maryland. She is continuing her research in prenatal tobacco, alcohol and other drug use and serves as an assistant professor at the college of nursing at Univ. of Cincinnati. Christine and her husband, Joe, are proud to report that son Tim is at West Chester Univ., son Geoff is a

freshman at UC and son James is a high school freshman. • His Eminence Cardinal Bernard Law announced the appointment of **Father Thomas H. Maguire** to pastor of St. Jeremiah Parish in Framingham. Fr. Tom was eloquent in leading us on Laetare Sunday during our 25th Reunion. He was ordained May 15, 1976. Last spring, Fr. Tom spent three months at the Priestly Renewal Program in Rome. The product of a strong BC family, I am sure his mother, Eleanor, sister, Ann, and brothers, Paul '73 and Robert, are proud of his accomplishments. I am equally sure that his father, Paul '42, had advance notice from Tom's true boss. Congratulations, Tom! • In closing, congratulations to Alumni Association Executive Director John F. Wissler '57 on a well-deserved retirement. A reception was held at McElroy in May to celebrate John's 31 years of service. I visited with **Ed Saunders** during the reception, and we both agreed that it was a first-class tribute.

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We have received news of the death of **Kate Fitzgerald Connelly**. She died of breast cancer April 19 while on vacation in the Virgin Islands with her daughter. She leaves her husband, Vince, and three children, Courtney, Carleigh and Robert. **Jane Hudson** attended the funeral and sent this note: "It was a deeply moving experience to speak at Kate's funeral in Chicago on April 24, remembering our Newton days and over 30 years of friendship. Holy Name Cathedral was filled with people of all ages and walks of life, from different parts of the country. All those people shared something in common—affection and respect for Kate. She really never changed much over the years. She always kept her heart open to the world. As the old Sacred Heart saying goes, Kate 'did the truth'." We extend our most sincere condolences to her family on their loss. • Our Class has suffered two great losses recently: **Pat Massa Bass** and Kate. Both were most extraordinary women who made a difference not only for what they accomplished, but because of who they were, God-centered women—women of faith whose inner strength

touched those around them in very special ways. They will be missed • I will always remember our 20th reunion when Kate, Jane Hudson and **Anne Butler** came to the cocktail party dressed up in rather silly matching outfits (documentary evidence available) • Other news: **Cristine Kettmer**, daughter of **Martha Kendrick**, is a junior at Sacred Heart, Stone Ridge. Both stopped by to visit Jane who took them on a visit to Trinity College. Anne Butler's daughter is in boarding school also near Jane, so they got to visit on a recent weekend. • I look forward to hearing stories of your summer vacations, graduation news and anything else you may wish to share.

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Well, I'm at the opposite end of the spectrum from where I was this time last year, when I had a surplus of news after the Reunion. I was hoping that the publication of my e-mail address (ledgar@earthlink.net) would bring more of a response, but the only one I've heard from is my most loyal correspondent, **Tom Herlehy**, who is with the US Agency for International Development in Kyiv (not spelled "Kiev" any more) in Ukraine. • Aside from that, and the fact that I saw **Kevin Shannon** in San Francisco last week, I'm out of Class news, so I'm going to rely upon my old fallback—revising my all-time BC football team. My backfield is still Doug Flutie '85, Fred Willis '71 and Troy Stradford '86, but my receivers are now Mark Chmura '91, Kelvin Martin '87 and Tom Waddell '89. My offensive line is Don Macek '76, Dave and Doug Widdell, both '88, Tom Nalen '94, and Pete Kendall '96. Defensively, I pick John Fitzgerald '70, Joe Nash '81, Fred Smerlas '79 and Mike Mamula '95 on the line; Stephen Boyd '95, Bill Romanowski '88 and Tom McManus '93 at linebacker; and Tony Thurman and Dave Pereira, both '85, Michael Reed '95 and the late Jay McGillis '93 at defensive back. Let me know what you think. • Please send news!



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Once again, our Newton College Alumnae Fifth Annual Spring Tea, hosted by Mary Downs '70 at her home in Washington, DC, was a spring celebration of Newton alumnae. Anne Duffey Phelan '71 from the Alumni Office and our two Newton directors on the Alumni Board, Cathy Beyer Hurst '66 and Karen Birmingham Murphy '64, joined us from Boston. Many thanks, Adrienne Tarr Free '67, for directing our committee of volunteers, and Mary Downs, who opened her heart and her home to Newton alumnae. • Representing our Class at the tea this year were **Sue Martell Buffone**, whose daughter will be attending BC in the fall; **Margot Dinneen Wilson**, who continues to thrive in Washington real estate; **Lisa Kirby Greissing**, who will be sending another son to college in the fall; and your Class correspondent, who was trying to pour tea and talk simultaneously. • During the tea, Eva Sereghy '71 spoke enthusiastically to a small group about a beautiful new compact disc called "*Women in Chant*" by the Choir of Benedictine Nuns at the Abbey of Regina Laudis, a cloistered community in which Gregorian chant is part of their daily lives. On the "*Today Show*" last Christmas Day, the religious of the Abbey of Regina Laudis talked about their founding and the making of "*Women in Chant*," which is now in its third edition. Sister Telchide (Adele Hinckley '71) and Sister Perpetua (Laura Giampietro '71) are both members of this community. • Take care. More news about our Class will be forthcoming.

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Hey: 116 classmates made the trek to the 25th reunion dinner in May. In attendance were: Vic Accattatis, Milton; Kathleen Adams, Milton; Lina Amisson, Hopewell, NY; Tom Anstett, Elmhurst, IL; Lewis Armistead, E. Providence, RI; Lynda Avallone, Foxboro; James Balinski,

MA; Denise Baxter, Nashua, NH, who also attended the SON brunch; Joe Bernarducci, Farmington, CT; Howard Bernstein, FL; Stephen Black, Bridgewater; Robert Boova, Pocono Pines, PA; Richard Bowman, Arlington; Rosemary Bruno, Summit, NJ; Brian Buggy, Mequon, WI; Paul Burke, MA; Bob Burns, Newton; Kathleen Burns, Clifton Park, NY; Jane Cahill, Needham; Joe Capalbo, Billerica; Margaret Carlin, E. Providence, RI; Joe Casey, Milton; Frances Cashell, Dedham; Mike Cavanaugh, MA; Ellen Cecilli, Milton; John Cosko, Cambridge; Mary Cunningham, Needham; Helen Cushman, Danvers; James Cusick, Palm Harbor, FL; Andrea D'Errico, Fall River; Allen DePew, Norwell; Patricia Dipilio, Roxbury; Robert Dischino, Wakefield; Ginny Lepori Dolan, Ellicott City, MD; Noreen Donovan, Arlington; Rosemary Donovan, San Francisco, CA; Patrick Dunphy, Brookfield, WI; Dennis Dyer, Beverly; Charles Egiros, Waltham; Jim Fallon, Laguna Niguel, CA; Mary Lou Falzone, Lexington; William Fitzgerald, Bridgeport, CT; Maryalice Foley, Arlington; Gerald Fournier, Alexandria, VA; David Freitag, Potomac, MD; Anne Gallagher, San Francisco, CA; Mary Giblin, Cherry Hill, NJ, who also attended the SON brunch; Doug Goransson, Marblehead; Mark Greco, Hopkinton; Deborah Grondin, Wakefield; Margaret Guillet, Needham; Robert Hassett, Jr., Melrose; Richard Healey, New Britain, CT; Lawrence Hickey, Canton; Maryrose Hoffman, Branford, CT; David Kanner, Kensington, NH; Susan Hope, Hartford, CT; June Horowitz, Milton, and Anne Kantack, Jackson, NH, who all attended the SON brunch; Jeri Keane, Raymond, ME; Ellen Kelleher, Belmont; John Kelliher, Tyngsboro; Tom Lally, Seattle, WA; Stephen Lang, Acton, also attended the SON brunch; Gregory Lazar, Milton; Richard Leidl, Bethesda, MD; John Longden, MA; James Loughran, Framingham; David Lovett, Marstons Mills; John Lowe, Allendale, NJ; Richard Lown, Cambridge; Richard Lynch, Winchester; Kathleen Lyons, Ridgefield, CT; Sandra Mader, Quincy; Timothy Mahoney, Topsfield; Joy Malone, Little Falls, NY; John Mara, W. Hartford, CT; Maryann Mazzola, No. Andover; Robert McCool, Londonderry, NH; Anne McGann, Burlington; Lester McNulty, Franklin; James Minardi, Manhasset, NY; Paul Mucci, Woburn; Ralph Mudarri, Needham; Kevin Muiren, Southport, CT; Nancy

Mulvey, Guilford, CT; Thomas Murphy, Wellesley; Leni Muscarella, Morristown, NJ; Carol Navedo, Norton; Nancy Neble, NY, also attended the SON brunch; Joseph Nicosia, Oak Brook, IL; Robert Novack, Jamestown, RI; William Nurse, Waltham; Terrence O'Donnell, Waltham; Elaine O'Reilly, Woburn; Kathleen Perri, Franklin; Brian Quinn, Pearl River, NY; Robert Rapport, Wyckoff, NJ; Debbie Ringger, Quincy; Steven Roach, Newton; Mary Rosenberg, Saugus, also attended the SON brunch; William Rozanski, Pitman, NJ; Connor Ryan, Fairfield, CT; Regina Ryan, Jamaica Plain; Catherine Mastroianni Shiers and Donald Shiers, Penfield, NY; George Sincavage, West Haven, CT; Dane Smith, Dallas, TX; Jeff Stephen, Topsfield; Bruce Suchy, W. Springfield; Sharleen Sullivan, No. Andover; and Daniel Torre, Yonkers, NY. In addition, the following classmates attended the SON brunch: Margaret McMahon, Anne Paull, Suzanne Campbell, Milton, and Robert Huard, Needham. • Any comments about the Reunion will be shared in this column. Just e-me. • Just a reminder: BC is on-line. The alumni web site is: [www.bc.edu/alumni](http://www.bc.edu/alumni). Plans are in the making for a Class of '73 web page. We just have to figure out what html means. • Speaking of computers: **Gary Gibson** is project leader for the year 2000 conversion program at Automatic Data Processing. Gary and his wife live in Ann Arbor with their four teenagers and their eight-year-old. Visit with Gary on-line at: [gibson@sun.tir.com](mailto:gibson@sun.tir.com). • 'Til next time!

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Whether it came from love, health, happiness, therapy or alpha hydroxy, the glow coming from Alumni House on May 16 could be seen for miles! It was a not-to-be-missed gathering of wonderful, energetic women (and a few brave men), forever 18 years old. Until 2003... • **Rosemary Sullivan Van Graafeiland** was anxiously preparing to move her family to Oregon. Her husband had accepted a new position just days before Reunion, and she had one month to pack, find a house and move. Hope it went well. • Many thanks to **Kathy McDonough Hinderhofer** for her

hard work preparing the Reunion. Kathy is the new president of the Ace of Clubs, a Boston charitable organization started by Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy. Congratulations! • Personal thanks to **Rita Monahan-Early** for her support during surgery I had last spring. She made a difficult situation easier. Rita manages daily operation of the electron microscopy unit in the department of pathology at Beth Israel Deaconess in Boston. She has also co-authored three books. She and Charlie '71 have two children, Kathleen, 12, and Daniel, 8. Rita still finds time to sing with the Dedham Choral Society. • Faces in the crowd: Meg Bracken Chercia (an all-too-brief conversation), Marianne Short, Betsy Hart Gray, Marianne Clarke, Jane Kennedy, Donna Heuchling and her beautiful daughter, Marita Farley Hynes, Patrice Muchowski, Patricia Higgins-Swetnick and Sharon Gallagher. What's new? • **Maureen Lynch** has been with Digital for 18 years and lives in Galway, Ireland with husband Oliver Foley, son Conor, 8, and twins Deirdre and Caitriona, 6. They get their yearly dose of sun on Cape Cod every summer. • **Trudy Burns Stone** is a partner at a Honolulu law firm concentrating in commercial real estate; she landed in Hawaii 10 years ago after traveling solo across America and the Pacific, and exploring Australia. Trudy met husband Bill on a moonlit beach in 1993...so romantic! I met Chris at The Hammond! She keeps in touch with best friend **Alice Bene**, who lives in Falmouth and has a practice in psychotherapy and clinical social work. Alice's son David is 24, a graduate of Bates, and now in graduate school at BU in film studies. • **Susan Jacobsmeier Sullivan** is a homemaker and community volunteer in Wilton CT, where she and Richard (with IBM) settled after several homes in MA, CT and a three-year assignment in Tokyo. Their children are Michael, 20 (BC 2000), Matthew, 17 and Amy Elizabeth, 8. • Finally, if the BC police are still looking for the culprit, it was **Ann Madigan** who set the silent alarms off at Keyes during Reunion Week-end. The rest of us were just sheep (right Sheila, Lynn, Ann, Margi?...Bermuda in 2001!).



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If you haven't already, you will soon be receiving some Reunion mail. I hope we have a great turn out for Pops on the Heights, the sports events and receptions, theater night, the Christmas Chorale concert, Laetare Sunday, the Second Helping Gala and anything else planned leading up to a great weekend in May! • Thanks for all the news. • **John Gomas** has been appointed Florida sales manager of Brown-Forman Beverages Worldwide. • **Larry Sheehan** and Gene Roman '82 were instrumental in organizing the first Puerto Rico, USA Film Festival of Mass. last Dec. Larry is an independent film producer who is working on a film shoot in Puerto Rico. The festival raised funds for Latino Dollars for Scholars. • **Suzanne C. Ross** has been named senior VP of personal trust services-private bank for PNC Bank. After BC, Suzanne earned her JD from Duquesne in '82; she is also a certified financial planner. In addition to all this, she keeps busy as chair of the BC Western Pennsylvania Alumni Admissions Council, is immediate past president of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra, and treasurer of the Society for Contemporary Crafts. • I received a great note from **Ellen O'Connell** who is a partner in the Princeton, NJ law firm of Smith Stratton Wise Heher & Brennan. She has become very involved with teen/youth ministry and is an ordained elder of the Presbyterian Church. Ellen would welcome visits or news from friends and alums from Williams, South St., Harvard or Comm. Ave. if any are in the Princeton-Philadelphia area. • Thanks to **Judy Shaw** for all her news and Reunion ideas by mail and e-mail! Judy is Jungian analyst who consults with corporations in the area of change management. She and classmates Mary Bodie, Lynne Liquori, Beth LoSardo, Sheila McLaughlin and Dorothea O'Connor got together last year for a Loyola/Rome (junior year) reunion. Mary is practicing medicine and living in Oregon with her husband and daughter. Lynne is married with two children and is living in PA. Chicago resident Dorothea and husband Mike Tobin '72 have seven great children! Judy also met up with **Jim Roper**, who is working on Wall Street and has four chil-

dren; and **Jim Balog**, who was working on photography of humans and technology. Thanks, Judy! • There was a terrific article in the *Indianapolis Star* on Feb. 8 about **Patricia O'Brien** becoming dean of Simmons' Graduate School of Management. After BC, Patricia opened and operated Cambridge restaurant "Bread and Roses" before earning an MBA at Simmons and a doctorate at Harvard Business School. She is married to Joe Badaracco, a professor of business ethics at Harvard Business. • Jim and I and the kids are all well. Our oldest son is a freshman at BC—and I'd love to hear where your children are now. Take care, and please write or e-mail ASAP!

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Hello classmates. Is anyone in need of a little magic? **Jacqueline Finnegan Monticup** and her magician husband, Peter, have opened another magic shop, this one in central Virginia. They have expanded onto the Internet, where you can reach them at Magic Tricks, <http://www.magictricks.com>. • Congratulations to **Steven P. Fischer** of Wellesley who is the new chief financial officer for Caritas Christi Health Care System. Since '88 Steven has served as senior VP and chief financial officer at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. He is a member of the finance committee for the Mass. Hospital Association and serves as finance committee chairman on the board of directors of the United Way of Merrimack Valley. • Congratulations are also in order for **Denise M. Sullivan Morrison** on her appointment at Nabisco to senior VP of sales for its sales and integrated logistics company. She will be responsible for directing all customer team and broker sales in the grocery, drug, mass merchandiser, convenience store and military classes of trade, as well as sales in private label and business development segments for Nabisco's Planter, Lifesavers and

specialty products companies. She and husband Tom reside in Sparta, NJ. Their daughter Michelle, 19, is a student at Univ. of San Diego, and daughter Kelly, 17, is in high school. • I enjoyed reading **Steve Rossi's** interesting account of life in Seoul, Korea. He has been working there for the Army since July '89 as deputy assistant chief of staff for acquisition management in the Eighth US Army. Here is his report on BC's influence on Korean fashions: "Seoul is a very fashion-conscious metropolis, and every year there seems to be a new fad appearing. For the last few years, it has been popular with the 20-something locals here to wear sweatshirts decorated with the names of US universities. Past seasons have included, for no particular reason, University of West Virginia, University of Michigan and others. In 1997, I started seeing Boston University appear (*biss!*), but this phenomenon was (as you would expect) very short lived. Now the dominant sweatshirt of choice is (you guessed it) Boston College! While this has, I assume, done wonders for the "brand consciousness" of our Alma Mater amongst the local populace, it is no doubt dismaying news to the BC Bookstore! Yes, they are indeed knockoff items, and it is safe to assume that not a penny of royalties is enriching the coffers of BC. On the upside, please advise the BC admissions office that a dramatic upsurge in applications from Korea may be anticipated. (Although the recent economic downturn in this part of the world may lessen the effect.)" You can e-mail Steve at [rossis@usfk.korea.army.mil](mailto:rossis@usfk.korea.army.mil). • Our best wishes go out to Coach Tom O'Brien and the football team for the upcoming '98-'99 season.

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**Jean Kanski Bittl** heard from **Justine Osage Laugharn**, who has stopped working full-time to enjoy being home with her two children. • **Joan Pederson** works in metro DC as a therapist at Community Psychiatric Clinic in Wheaton, MD. She reports **Jane McCavitt Wall** lives in Arlington, VA, is an attorney with the Dept. of Agriculture, is married to Charlie, a lawyer in private practice, and has two children, Ryan, 4

and Erin, 3. • **Kathleen Kaye McKean** is a health care consultant, married to David (attorney and author), and has three children, Shaw, Christian and Kaye. • **Carol Fitzsimmons** lives outside Philadelphia and is eastern region marketing director for Reliance Insurance Co. • Dana and **Helen Fox-O'Brien** live in a new home in Riverside, CT. They are parents of Amy, 10, and Beth, 7, who keep them busy with weekend sports. For the past four years, Helen has worked for the Episcopal Church Pension Fund and was recently promoted to senior VP of investments. Helen also told us **Michelle O'Malley** has been living in London for a number of years with her husband and son. Mickey earned a doctorate in art history and now works at London's National Gallery. • **Lee Costello** works for State Street Bank in Boston and volunteers for a number of organizations, including the USS Constitution. • **Betsy Gaw McGrath** and Jim live in Plymouth with children Katie and Teddy. • **Barbara Trayers Athy**, husband Tony, and children, Emily, Jimmy and Alice, are well and happy in Worcester. This also holds true for Terry and **Paula Giuggio Shea** and children, Evan, Elaine, Alyssa and Christopher, in Summit, NJ. • **Dr. Melanie Byrne Thomas, MD** graduated from BU Medical School in '96, fulfilling her life-long dream. She is in her second year of residency in internal medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Center. In '99, Melanie, husband Rich, and children, Christopher, 13, and Lauren, 9, will move to Houston where Melanie will do an oncology fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center. Congratulations! • **Mary Jane Flaherty** lives in Randolph, NJ with husband Bill Masella and twins, John and Michael, 3. The toddlers keep her energized while she balances motherhood with her position as CFO of Prudential's Private Asset Management Group. • **Cathy LoConto Lucey** and John recently celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary in Shrewsbury. Cathy has taught kindergarten 13 years, ever since her youngest started school. She proudly writes that oldest son Jay will join BC's freshman class this fall, while Michael will start junior year at St. John's HS as a member of the varsity crew team. • Received a surprise note from **Barbara Duck Drake Glass**, who stays in touch with Newton pals even though she left after sophomore year. She and husband Dick have two children, Alex, 14 and Joanna, 10. Barbara is



VP of business development for LMS in Stamford. Living in Old Greenwich, CT, *Duck* often sees **Susanne McNamara Woods** and Helen Fox O'Brien, as the three have children in the same elementary school.

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Our Class sends a heartfelt, albeit bittersweet, round of applause to John Wissler '57, who has retired from his position as executive director of the Alumni Association after 31 years of dedicated service. His kindnesses to our Class are legion; he will be missed at this address. Throughout the years, especially reunion years, he and his excellent support staff have made our ongoing ties with Alma Mater vibrant and affectionate. He leaves BC with his footprint patiently placed in so many areas of concern to its graduates. Congratulations, John, and best wishes to you and yours from all '76ers! • Congratulation are in order to our own **Kathleen M. O'Toole**, who has been named the successor executive director! Currently, the Mass. Secretary of Public Safety (since '94), Kathleen oversees 20 agencies. Her career in law enforcement includes meritorious service with the Boston, Metropolitan and State Police Departments. She has also worked in corporate security at Digital Equipment Corp. and as an adjunct faculty member at Northeastern Univ. Kathleen was recently elected vice chair of the National Leadership Conference of Women Executives in State Government. We wish her continued success as she takes the reins of the largest Catholic alumni association in the world. • **Neil G. Budnick** was recently named president of the public and corporate finance division of MBIA, Inc., of Armonk, NY. Neil is responsible for the company's municipal and corporate bond insurance business in the new issue and secondary markets, following stints as director of public finance, executive VP and assistant to the chairman. Neil earned a master's in public administration and finance from Univ. of Colorado. Congratulations! • The Unitarian Universalist Church in Westboro has as its full-time minister the **Rev. Cynthia A. Frado**. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, she previously ministered to congregations in Mendon, Uxbridge,

Rockport and Framingham, and in the recent past worked as an educational consultant for The Global Network for Spiritual Success, an offshoot of the work of Deepak Chopra. Congratulations! • A confidential informant advises that **Jack Early** lives in Qingdao, Shandong Province, China with his wife, Doris, and two daughters. He enjoys watching BC football tilts on videos sent by his brother. The Eagles can soar in the land of the panda! • **Peter Gacicia** is executive VP of ChemArt in Lincoln, RI, a company that creates beautiful Christmas ornaments and other etched collectibles. Peter and wife, Penney, reside in Milton. • Class president **Richard M. Carlson** has been awarded the degree of doctor of education from Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Congratulations, Rick! • Here's hoping you all enjoyed a health and happy summer. Please find time to drop a line! God bless!

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**Mike Hernon** writes that he has a new position as chief technology officer for the District of Columbia. Mike can be reached at Mike@DCGov.org. • **Dr. Leslie D. Costlow Netting** has been promoted to full professor after serving as director of dance and associate professor at Kutztown Univ. (part of the Penn State system) for the past 15 years. Dr. Netting received her doctoral degree in dance education and higher administration from New York Univ. She just signed a contract with Human Kinetics Publishers for her book, *Lyrical Jazz Dance: Steps to Success*. She spent a month in Kenya, Africa last March as a scholar in residence, teaching dance and documenting African traditional dance. Leslie has toured nationally as well as internationally to promote the art of lyrical jazz dance. She has been married for ten years to husband, David, and has two daughters, Tessa and Kelsey, ages 7 and 4. • **David Manzo** was recently elected vice-chair of the board of directors of Pine Street Inn. Pine Street is New England's largest resource for homeless and formerly homeless men, women, and children. Also, he recently was named a '97 Neighborhood Superstar for Boston from the Mass. Governor's Committee on

Physical Fitness and Sports. • **Lynn Lolacono Branham** (SON) writes that she has two daughters, Kelly, 16, and Stacy, 13. Lynn's husband, Bruce, is a commander in the Coast Guard and a Sloan Fellow at MIT at the time this is being written (May). They are living in the Boston area but will be moving to Virginia in late June. Lynn plans on resuming her nursing career once they settle in their new home in Virginia. She would love to hear from her nursing classmates. Her address while in the Boston area was 333 Common Street, Belmont 02178. Lynn, per your request, Diane Lampesis' address is 2 Drury Lane, South Berwick, ME 03908. • **Douglas M. McIntosh** has been appointed Florida state representative of the 21,000-member Defense Research Institute (DRI), the nation's largest association of civil litigation defense lawyers. He is president of his law firm, McIntosh, Sawran & Cravan P.A., Ft. Lauderdale, FL, where he specializes in medical malpractice, insurance, and maritime personal injury defense. Doug lives in Plantation, FL with his wife, Theresa, and their family. • Many thanks to all of you who write with your news which makes this column possible. The Alumni Office has recently provided me with a class list which includes names and addresses of our classmates, so if you would like to contact someone in particular, I would be happy to try to locate them on this list. I will also be sending out random postcards to fish for information on who is where and what's new. Pop it in the mail—I'd love to hear from you! The deadline for the next newsletter is Sept. 1 (for the Nov. magazine), and the deadline after is Dec. 1 (for the Feb. magazine). Hope everyone had a great summer!

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I did not make it to the Reunion because of work conflicts, so I am dying to hear how things went. I just accepted a job offer from Save-A-Lot, a division of SuperValu, the nation's largest food distributor (a Fortune 500 company described as one of the 100 best companies for which to work. Let's hope that proves so!). • **Atim Eneida George Ogunba** has been leading quite an

interesting life as the environment, science and technology officer at the US Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa, where she has been since Sept. '97. Her older daughter, Michelle Oyodotua, just graduated from Cushing Academy on May 31, and Atim was planning to return to the States for that and to attend our 20th reunion. (Do let us know how it went.) Her younger daughter, Roberta Olutoyin, just completed 7th grade at the American International School of Johannesburg. If you want to write to Atim, you can reach her c/o the State Dept., Washington, DC 20521-9300, or on-line at Atim.E.Ogunba@dos.us-state.gov. • If you ever chance to be in a Rhode Island-area coffee house, keep an eye out for **Stephen L. Hug** who sings and plays acoustic music and wears many other hats. Stephen is VP of development and public relations for Family Services, a non-profit human services agency in Providence, RI. He also writes a weekly column for the *New Bedford Standard Times* newspaper, and is known around Providence as on-air personality, DJ "Steve Valentine," Sunday afternoons on B101 radio (101.5 FM). He lives in Fall River with his wife, Deborah, high school-age son Steve and daughter Jennifer who is entering the seventh grade. Stephen sends his best to his old housemate from Greycliff, Ambassador to Greece **Nick Burns**. • Congratulations to **Richard A. Huot** and his wife, Joanne, who welcomed their first child, Patrick Joseph, in Dec. Joanne works for the Postal Service, and Richard has a dental practice in Vero Beach, FL. They've been living in FL since '94, having moved there from southern ME. If you want to drop him a line, or get those teeth fixed, his new office address is: 5070 A1A, Suite E. Vero Beach, FL 32963. While he couldn't make it for the 20th Reunion, he says the 25th might be a possibility. • **Dan Ring** wrote with updates on several classmates: **Bob Hartman**, who Dan describes as "originally from Cleveland and Brian Dowling's Ignatius," is a prosecutor in Alameda County, Oakland, CA; **Michael Mahoney**, "Wilmington's best," is a VP at Goodman Knitting, a Brockton division of Kellwood Co.; and Dan is bureau chief at the Mass. State House for *Ottaway News Service*. (Dan, you say you were synonymous with Sandwich, MA during your years at the Heights, which makes me wonder, are you a descendant of Andrew Ring, brother of Susanna, who married Thomas Clark(e)? If so, we are related. Yeah,



guys, just taking a moment to do some genealogical digging, here. See what you have to put up with when more of you do not write?) • If any of you have Reunion stories to share, please send them this way.

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Hi! I hope that all is well with everyone! Can you believe that we're getting ready for another reunion?! • **Sam Betar, III** was elected to the office of associate judge of the State of Illinois, Circuit Court of Cook County, in May. He and his wife, **Margaret Smith**, have three children: Sam, 7; Eleanor, 6; and Sarah, 3. They're looking forward to their summer visit to Cape Cod to see Margaret's parents, John Smith (former VP and treasurer of BC), and Helen Smith (former secretary to Father Monan). • **Bill Delaney** and his wife, Sarah, are happy to announce the births of their first children, Will and Patrick, who are fraternal twin boys. Bill is a senior VP at J & H March and McLennan in Philadelphia. • **Betsy Nedeau Millane** sent another Mod 33B update: **Tracy Mazza Ludico** hosted a brunch at her new home in Woodstock, MD with husband, Bob, and children: Lauren, 8; Robert, 5; and Jonathan, 3. **Sarah Peavey Carvalho** and her husband, Phil, brought their daughter, Alison, 2, to the brunch. Sarah is now working for Merrill Lynch in NYC and commuting from Darien, CT. **Julie O'Donnell Wright** came and updated them on her job as comptroller at Univ. of Maryland; she brought along husband, Steve, and sons, Kevin and Sean. **Nancy Stark Iezman** was the reason for this reunion, as she arrived with her husband, Stanley, and children, Seth and Rachel, for a week's visit to Washington, DC. Betsy brought her eldest, Kelly, 11, leaving husband Neal, and son, Carter, at home in Madison, CT. Thanks for another update, Betsy, but could you please send future news to my address above, thanks! • I am saddened to report the passing of **Richard J. Posilico, Esq.** in Feb. Our condolences go out to his family. • Please write and let me know what you've been up to!!

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Thanks for all your letters. It's great hearing from all of you. Remember, the deadline for the next issue is Dec. 1, 1998. First, I'd like to share my good news with you: My wife **Kimberley DePra** and I are celebrating the birth of our first child, Julia, who was born in April. Kim has left her job as a graphic designer to raise our daughter and eventually do freelance work. • It is with regret that I inform you of the passing of two classmates, **Michael Burns** and **John Morrissey**. The Alumni Office has informed me that John died in June '95. Our condolences go out to his family, and our apologies for our tardiness in reporting this sad news in this space. **Steve Daley** wrote to tell me of Mike's passing and to inform me about a golf tournament to be held in Mike's memory at Metacomet Country Club in E. Providence on Mon., Sept. 14. The proceeds will benefit the Caritas House, a shelter for battered women, of which Mike was a director. Please call Jim Bigos, 401-727-1188 for information. I also spoke to Mike's sister, Maggie Burns Rogers '83, who requested I take a moment to thank her family's friends in the BC community for their love and support during Mike's life and since his death. • **Mary Bryant Shrader** dropped me a line from Lakeway, TX to inform me she is expecting her first child this month. She has spent her years since graduating receiving a master's in finance and a law degree, as well as working as an associate editor for a publication called *Solo*. Best of luck to her in her new endeavor, which will likely be her most demanding. • If you are traveling through the Hartford area, be sure to listen to **Beth Laughlin Bradley** on Big D 103 (102.9) during the morning drive. She and her husband, Tom, live in N. Canton, CT with their two children. She writes that she would love to hear from fellow members of *The Stylus*, and from fellow transfer students from the Class of '80. • **Laura Carlo** is now the morning drive personality on WCRB (102.5) in Waltham. A recent *BCM* profile informs us she created a talk radio show during her freshman year at BC called Kaleidoscope, and shortly after graduation began work at WCRB as a news anchor. • After seven years as a federal prosecutor in NYC, **Michael**

**G. Considine** became counsel in the law firm of Day, Berry & Howard in Stamford, CT, where he resides with his wife, Maureen, and four children. • Congratulations go out to **Keith Matthews**, who has recently been promoted to marketing manager for the urban segment of the *Providence Journal*. • **John French** has been promoted to VP and group publisher of the Electronic Design Group. He currently lives in Denville, NJ.

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Here's the news I received this past quarter: **Lisa Black Sholudko** and her husband, Walter, moved back to the Boston area after living first in western MA and then upstate NY. Lisa spent the last 17 (scary, isn't it?) years doing all different kinds of nursing—operating room, clinical supervisor in home care, emergency care coordinator, college health and nursing home supervisor, to name a few. Now she's doing what she believes is the hardest job of all—staying home full-time with her three sons, Andrew, 10, Evan, 4, and Austen, 1. The Sholudko family lives in Franklin. Last year, Lisa ran into **Kevin Walsh** in the emergency room at the hospital in Framingham. Kevin was the physician who stitched up Lisa's middle son. Lisa says she would love to reconnect with old friends and roommates. Her new e-mail is lbsho@norfolkcounty.com. • **Tom Flannery** is serving as co-chair of the Metro I Division of the 1998 United Way campaign. Tom is an audit partner in Ernst & Young's Financial Services Industry Practice which provides services to the banking and securities industry throughout New England. Tom and his wife, Gina, live in Hingham with their four boys, ages 11, 8, 7 and 2. • **Marc Myrin** recently joined the Dallas-based regional law firm of Strasburger & Price, LLP as a partner. He was previously with the firm of Hutcheson & Grundy. Marc practices primarily in corporate and securities and real estate. He received his law degree from Southern Methodist Univ. in '84. • Well, those of you who have e-mail have no excuse not to write. I know everyone's been busy these past 17 years. Let's hear from you!

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I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer months! • Congratulations to **Frank Larkin** who married Julie McLaughlin on May 30th at the Copley Plaza in Boston. In attendance to celebrate were Pat Corcoran, Kathy Kasper, Chris Vossler, Mike Blanchard and Karen Kelly Kiefer. A good time was had by all! Frank is VP and general manager of East Coast/South American operations for Crowley American Transport, Inc. Frank and Julie live in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. • It has been an exciting year for **Michael Sullivan**. In Dec., he married Denise Morris, and he's also been busy working on his campaign for Middlesex County District Attorney. He is a member of the Cambridge City Council and is of counsel with Belotti & Barretto. • News arrived from **Tom Cahalane**. Tom works at Oxford Health Plans in Trumbull, CT as a team manager of operations. Tom and his wife, Lisa, are parents of two boys, Kevin and Ryan. The Cahalanes live in Sandy Hood, CT. Thanks for the letter! • **Gene Tito Roman** helped to organize the 1st Puerto Rico, USA Film Festival of Mass. which was held at the Coolidge Corner Theater in Brookline last Dec. Gene is Mass. regional director for the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration. The festival raised funds for Latino Dollars for Scholars. • Congratulations to **Besty Simpson Boyer** and husband Greg on the birth of twin boys last Feb. Alexander and Geoffrey join older brother Christian. • Graham & James announced the promotion of **Maureen Bennett** to partner of their San Francisco law firm. Maureen works in the firm's environmental and corporate practice groups. • Congratulations to **Charles Brennan** who was recently honored by the members of the media with the 11th Annual Media Person of the Year award, sponsored by the Press Club of Metropolitan St. Louis. Charles is KMOX's "Morning Meeting" host. Charles lives in St. Louis with his wife, Beth. • This will be the last column that I will be writing for the Class of 1982. It has been a great experience, and I have enjoyed meeting and talking to many of you. Thank you for sharing your lives, the joys and the sorrows, throughout the years with me. I believe that it is time to pass this responsibility



on to another classmate. If anyone is interested, please contact the Alumni Office. All future correspondence should also be forwarded to the Alumni Office. Thanks to everyone for keeping me updated for the past 10 or so years.

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Hope everyone had a great time at the reunion! • **Mary S. Timpany Miller** had her third son in Feb. '97. Her other sons are ages 4 and 2. Mary is involved with music at her church, as well as church council and other committees. Her husband, Jack, runs a textile manufacturing business in Pottsville, PA, which has been in the family since 1904. Mary wanted to say hello to her friends from St. Gabe's, My Mother's Fleabag and O'Connell House. • **John Silver, MD** graduated from BU medical school in '90 and completed his internal medicine residency training and fellowships in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Univ. of Washington School of Medicine. John and his wife, Yuriko '85, live in Sandy, UT and have two children, Julia and Christopher. John works at the Heart and Lung Institute of Utah and is on staff at several hospitals. John and Yuri would enjoy hearing from other BC alumni in the area, and are considering starting a regional alumni club in Utah. • **Erika Jouret Higginson** worked in her native Europe for Cargill Inc.'s subsidiary in Amsterdam. She transferred to the company's London office and married an Englishman, Alan Higginson, in May '93. The couple visited BC in '93 enroute to their honeymoon destination in the Canadian Rockies. Erika and Alan live in Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, with their children, Andrew, 3 and Samantha, 9 months. Erika still works for Cargill as administrative manager for the facilities department. • **Jack Dunn** is VP of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Boston. He is also an ECAC and Hockey East referee and is often seen at the Beanpot doing non-BC games. He lives in Hanover with his wife, Hazel, and their daughter, Siobhan. • **Kathleen Costello Proulx** is employed by Healthsouth as a regional VP for corporate devel-

opment. On June 20, 1997, she married David Norman Proulx and is the proud stepmother of a beautiful 5-year-old son, Benjamin. • Here's a bit of news from Mod 9B, as they all got together at the West Virginia and Rutgers football games. **Nick Lubischer** had baby number three. Nick was recently awarded the "sales executive of the year" title from his company, Advanced Drainage Systems, beating out over 100 Notre Dame alumni for the post. Well done! • **Paul Z-man Zdanek** moved into a new home in Midlothian, VA. He has three children, ages 8, 10 and 12. Z-man is a regional manager with Ross Laboratories, working on the Ensure brand. • **Ed VonNessen** just had his first child in Nov., a boy named Tyler. Ed is adjusting well to life with no sleep. Ed is a bond trader at Murphy & Dariea. • **Pat Cooney** has three children and lives in Andover with his BC wife, Cheryl Manning. Pat is VP of worldwide sales for General Scanning. His last recorded workout continues to be his last day of football practice in '83. • **Doug Guyer** was just blessed with his second child, Rex. Rex joins his 17-month-old brother, Rainier. This past August, Doug went on a summit attempt of Mt. Rainier in Washington. It was a two-day climb that was one of the most physically challenging things he's ever done. It was worth it, as Nick successfully summited, and the views were spectacular! • **Kristine Olsen True** writes the following: "It has been three years since I have written to you with my news of moving to Florida. However, it is with great sadness that I write to you today of the January 5, 1998 passing away of my father-in-law, Thomas F. True, Jr. Tom was the class correspondent for 60 years for the Class of 1938. He was an active member of the Alumni Association and the BC Varsity Club. He was a great inspiration and role model for his entire family: all 11 children, 30 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The most recent member of the True family to enter the hallowed halls of BC is my niece and Tom's 15th grandchild, Tara D. True, a freshman in the Class of 2001. It is wonderful to have the BC tradition that Tom began 60 years ago continuing into the next generation. On a more personal note, my husband, John, and sons, Jared, 7, Kristian, 5 and John, Jr., 1, and I are still living in Palm Beach, FL. We have a real estate development and sales company, Oceanfront Realty and Development of the Palm Beaches, that services all of Palm Beach County. We are located in N.

Palm Beach. My family and I continue to spend our summer and Christmas seasons in the Boston area with our families." • **James Hatem** joined the law firm of Peabody & Brown in its corporate department, focusing on business matters including corporate and real estate law. • **Christopher Peter O'Hara** married Kelly Susan Smith in Westhampton Beach, NY. • **Mary Lee Bair DiCorpo** and her husband, John, welcomed their second child in Feb. '97. Christopher Joseph joins his sister, Sarah, 3. Mary is a full-time mom and works on a per diem basis at VNA Healthcare in Waterbury, CT. • **John Almy** married Kristina Roberts and is working for the Worcester Ice Cats of the American Hockey League with Greg Madden, former voice of the Eagle's Men's Hockey team. • After five years away from Boston, **Diane Bailey-Boulet** and **Tom Boulet** live in Lexington with daughter, Liza, 6. Tom is with Lotus Development, and Diane is an account manager for Better Communications, Inc. • **Brian Johnson**, wife Laurie, and their daughter, Meghan, 9 months, live in Windham, NH. Brian is VP of human resources at Fidelity Investments. • **Mary Strasser Schatzkin** is wondering what happened to **Lina Lamiero** and **Bianca Veiga**, her senior year roommates. Mary writes technical manuals for Bay Networks and has two beautiful little girls with her husband, Steven. • **Martha Hedlund Kaubris** lives in Dover, NH with husband Stan and two children, Shelby, 7 and Dustin, 5. Martha works for Liberty Mutual Insurance in Dover in human resource management.

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**Kathleen Murray, Esq.** was elected to the New York Assembly, the state legislature. She represents a district which includes her hometown of Levittown, NY. • **Timothy Keefe** worked the past several years at Federated Investors Management Co. in Pittsburgh, receiving top-ten rankings for the American Leaders and Liberty Equity Income funds. Tim is now a value manager at John Hancock Funds, running their Growth & Income Fund and Hancock's Special Value Fund. • **Rev. Carl Yusavitz** is director of

pastoral care at Easton Hospital in Pennsylvania. Before coming to the hospital, he taught clinical pastoral education at UPenn health system. Carl has also served as a seminary administrator in Washington, DC, as a pastor in London, England and Philadelphia, and as a missionary in Sudan, Africa. • Last August 2, 1997, **Nina Murphy** married Bart Ferris in Newport, RI. Their wedding overlooked Newport Bay, with many BCers in attendance. Participating in the service was **Glenn Cunha**, who did a reading, Nancy Kennedy '85, who was a bridesmaid, and Nina's brother, Ted '93, who was a groomsman (check out the story on Ted in the "Works and Days" segment on the inside of the back cover of this magazine). Those attending the wedding included Chris Coffey, John Gill, Kelly Sheehan Harris, Maureen Ryan, Mary Louise Vitelli, Molly Shannon McGowan, Eileen Leary Johnson, Susan Jones Young and Beth Brickley Murner. Other BCers included Ed Hudner '81, Lisa Gallagher '83, Laura Tobin Ketchum '87, Nina's uncles, Jack, Leonard and Bill Matthews, and, of course, Nina's father, Jim Murphy, who continues to teach part-time in the College of Advancing Studies at BC. Last Dec., Nina and Bart moved from Newport to Honolulu because of an unexpected opportunity from her husband's company. Nina writes that they are thoroughly enjoying island life and have yet to miss the four seasons of New England! Nina is director of underwriting for Hawaii Public Radio, a National Public Radio affiliate station. Bart, who is originally from Marion, IL, is a graduate of Univ. of Missouri, and formerly served as a lieutenant in the Navy. He's now a senior consultant in federal services with KPMG/Peat Marwick. • **Robert M. Krim** recently wed Dr. Kathlyne Anderson. Robert is a senior research associate at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and is also the founder of Boston Management Consortium, Inc., a public-private partnership dedicated to improving management in Boston's public sector. After a wedding trip to Denmark and Belarus, the couple will live in Jamaica Plain. • **Chris and Maria Elena Farfan Lynch** welcomed the arrival of their fourth son, Thomas, born last Christmas Eve. The baby joins brothers Dennis, 8, Peter, 6 and Matthew, 4. They reside in Needham and are very involved in BC activities and sports. • **Christopher Fanning** and wife Eileen are the proud parents of Ryan Patrick, born in Chicago on May 10,



1997. Chris, Eileen and Ryan recently relocated to Portland, OR, where Chris is director of strategic planning for Lattice Semiconductor Corp. The Fannings welcome a visit from any BCers in the area. • With much sadness, I must inform you that **Kenneth Cowan** passed away last Feb. 16. Returning from Bali, Indonesia, Ken was a passenger on the China Airlines flight that crashed while landing in Taiwan. Ken had been working for WGBH television in Boston, where he was the associate producer for the Emmy award winning series "*This Old House*," "*Victory Garden*" and "*The New Yankee Workshop*." He had been in Bali scouting locations for upcoming episodes of "*The Victory Garden*." A memorial fund has been established in his name; contributions can be sent care of c/o Lori Beth Canfield to The Kenneth F. Cowan, Jr. Memorial Foundation, 136 Preakness Dr., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054.

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Hello again to everyone. Thanks for the mail; the volume is picking up, and I appreciate your updates. • **Chris and Moka Barrero Quinlan** moved to Dublin, Ireland in the spring. Chris was named the head of Dublin operations for Citibank. Moka left behind her position as director of sales for L'Zinger International in New York for the life of an ex-pat wife. • **Terry Romonoli** is executive director of the Preakness Celebration in Baltimore. Terry is hoping to be contacted by **Cathy Boyle**. • **Chris and Mary Maria Leonard Olsen** welcomed Christopher Olsen, Jr. on Dec. 22, 1997. He joins his sister, Caroline la Cour Olsen, who was born May 11, 1995. Maria is working part-time as an attorney for the US Department of Justice in the Office of Policy Development, and has published a few articles in several parenting magazines. Maria saw many of our classmates at **Nina Derba Ring's** wedding in Aug. '97 in Andover. Nina and husband Steve Ring live in Kentfield, CA. **Lauren Wilkens Miner** and **Eileen Orie Carlson** hosted a party for them preceding the wedding at Lauren and husband Tim's historic restored home in Sherborn. Lauren's son, Brandon, was born Dec. 22, 1997—the same day as Christopher Olsen, Jr.! Bran-

don has a brother, Christopher, and a sister, Amanda. **Debbie Elsasser Stamos**, **Jennifer Hayes**, **Patti Hopkins**, **Susan Ostrowski**, **Cynthia Luckart Cunningham** and **Deirdre Reidy Clark** were also at the wedding. • Congratulations to **Maria and Antonio Arias-Larcada** on the arrival of their daughter, **Maria Rosa**, on Jan. 15, 1997. Antonio is a partner with **McConnell Valdes** in San Juan, concentrating in commercial litigation. Antonio says hello to his old roommates: **Bill Hansen**, **John Sadowey**, **Bob Clemente** and **Rich Poloner**. • **Maria Casieri Raposa** was married to **Paul Raposa** of Bristol, RI in June '96 at Our Lady's parish in Newton. **Karen Brack Gadbois** was one of the attendants at the wedding. Maria and her husband honeymooned for two weeks on Prince Edward Island in Canada, and recently relocated to Ellsworth, ME, just outside of Acadia National Park. Maria is aspiring to become a working artist, her long time passion. Her husband is an engineer at **Hinckley Co.** • On a miserable cold rainy day in March in New England, I received a wonderful letter from **Leslie Tedd Plum**, who is living on beautiful Balboa Island in Orange County, CA. Leslie has a son, **Nicolas**, 3, and is working as the territory manager for **Kinetic Concepts, Inc.**, selling hospital beds in Orange County. Leslie is really happy in the wonderful California sun and is wondering if there are any other '85ers in her area. • **Bob Sampson** is working as branch manager in **Tucker Anthony's** Washington, DC office. • **Mary Beth Bronson Gately** recently became a partner in the Washington, DC office of **Piper & Marbury**. Mary is in the firm's commercial litigation practice group. • Best wishes to **Doug Flutie** who recently established the **Douglas Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism**. The charity is part of the **Giving Back Fund**, a national non-profit organization that creates and manages charitable foundations for professional athletes, entertainers and others. Doug is back in the **National Football League** this year with the **Buffalo Bills**, after playing for eight seasons in the **Canadian Football League**. • **Christopher Plante** married **Susan Chmielewski** on Aug. 2, 1997 in Seekonk. Christopher is a science teacher at **Toll Gate High School** in Warwick, RI. • **Ellen Flynn Corneau** joined the law firm of **Tillinghast Licht & Semonoff** in the public finance group. Ellen lives in North Providence. • **Paul Daly, Jr.** is an assistant attorney general in Providence. • All is well with me.

Thanks for all your letters, and please keep the mail coming!

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Bravo!! You have been excellent about the mail! I have many great things to report, so here goes! • Congrats to **Susan McInnis** who was married last year to **James Leonard**. Sue was married on Cape Cod and now lives in Manhattan. She is a court attorney in the appellate division of the New York State Supreme Court. • Congrats also to **Rich Beck** who was recently named a partner at the Philadelphia law firm of **Klehr, Harrison** where he is a litigator. • Also named partner in his firm in California is **Michael Agoglia**, a litigator for **Morrison and Foerster LLP**. • Hi, thanks for writing, and congrats to **George Gonser** and his wife, **Eileen**, on the birth of their third son, **William**, who joins **Christian** and **Owen**. The Gonsers live in **Needham**; **George** is a VP at the **Chickering Group** in **Cambridge**. • **Caroline Fallon** is the newest member of the **Fallon/Wallis** family out in **Pittsburgh**. **Marty and Tracey Wallisch Fallon** have three daughters now! Congrats! • Hi to **Ron Patkus** from **Duschesne East** (Bruce was **Duschesne East**, I was **West**). **Ron**, after receiving his PhD in history at **BC**, is now head of archives and manuscripts in the **John J. Burns Library of Rare Books and Special Collections** at **BC**. He, his wife, **Beth**, and daughter live in **Walpole**. • **Kristy Albrecht Connelly** is living in **L.A.** and is an actress. She currently has commercials for companies such as **Maxwell House**, **McDonalds**, and **American Airlines**—and can be seen on the series "*Nash Bridges*" on **CBS**. She is engaged to be married. Good luck, **Kristy**! • Congrats to **Joel Pina** and **Maryellen Fitzgerald Pina '87** on the arrival of son **Cullen**. **Joel** works at **ARCO Chemical** as a manager and is getting his MBA at the **Wharton School**. • **Paul Steny Stenberg** and **Carey Kelly Stenberg** recently had their fourth child, **Thomas**. • **Ted Williams** and wife **Lisa** have a new son, **Teddy**, who joins sister **Ali**. **Ted** is VP of the **Arizona Stock Exchange**, working in **San Francisco**. **Stephen Fox** is also a VP at the same company, working with **Ted**. **Stephen** received his MBA from **Univ. of Chicago**. • **John**

**Clem Lewis** has two boys, **Jack** and **Timothy**. **Clem** and his wife, **Beth Drolet**, MD, live in **Wisconsin** where **Clem** is finance manager of the **MRI Division** for **General Electric**. He also has an MBA from **Univ. of Chicago**. • **Billy and Karen Haughey Carew** live in **Simsbury, CT** with their three kids. **Billy** owns an insurance consulting company nearby. • **Mike and Sheila Munsell McCaulley** live in **Concord** with their three kids; both are working for **Fidelity**—**Mike** as an equity trader, and **Sheila** as VP of fixed income sales. **Mike** is also in the **Army Reserves**. • **John Snake and Mimi Bransfield Cahill** live in **Sudbury** with two kids. **Snake** works for **Fidelity** as director of finance, and **Mimi** is an educator in an early intervention program. • **Mike and Jamie Taft Costello** have two kids and live in **Providence** where **Mike** is partner in a money management firm, **Baldwin Brothers**. Hi, **Jamie**! • **Gail Byrne McLaughlin** and husband **Steve** live in **Georgia** and have two children. • **Bobby Bubba Keane** and wife **Geralyn** live in **Winchester** with two little ones, **Erika** and **Bobby**. **Bubba** is VP and general manager of research services for **First Call Corp.** • **Tom Bergwall** lives in **NJ** and has his own law firm. • **Bill and Carolyn Duffy Marsan** are in **McLean, VA** with daughter **Julia**. **Carolyn** is editor of a monthly computer magazine, **Government Best Buys**, and **Billy** is a conservative lobbyist for a DC-based law firm. • **Phil Sullivan** is regional director of leasing at **Compass Management** and lives in **Charlestown**. • **Jack McNeil** lives right near the Heights with son **Brendon** and manages the fixed income department for **Hoenig & Co.** • **Colin O'Neill** lives in **NJ** with wife **Lauren** and three kids. They just moved back here from **France**, where **Colin** was promoted to VP of the fragrance company **Givaudan Roure**. • **Bob Bubba D Donahue** and wife **Deb** live in **Cohasset**. **Bob** is a VP at **Prudential Securities**. • Thanks to all who wrote in this quarter. Those who haven't, write now. You know who I mean! **Carol Stiglmeier**, write in with details of your wedding! I received an article from the clipping service about you and thought I'd wait to see what you had to say, so let me know. • **Steve and Kathy Parks Hoffman** were here in **Maryland** to see us over **Memorial Day Weekend**. We loved seeing them and their three children, **Kate**, **Bridget**, and **Timmy**, 2. They are living in **Bloomfield Hills, MI**. • **Bruce** would like to hear from **Andrew Doc Docktor** and



**Nelson.** Please write guys! • Hey, keep those cards and letters coming!!!! Thanks!

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Hi! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer, and is looking forward to another exciting football season (it strikes me how quickly the years go by every time I write that!). I received only a couple of letters in the past few months, so those of you who haven't written in a while (or at all), please drop me a note so that I can include you in the next column. I also now have an e-mail address, so feel free to send it that way. Here's what's been going on with our classmates. • Congratulations to my dear friends, **Shawn and David Widell**, on the birth of their son, Mark James, who was born in March. Mark joins big sister, Corinne, and brother, Daniel. David has just signed on with the Atlanta Falcons. The family will be moving from Jacksonville where they've been for the past few years. • Congratulations also go out to **Betty DeConto Waaler** and her husband, Christopher, on the birth of their son, Tyler MacLeod, who was born in April. The Waalers have relocated to Omaha, NE. • And now for the new Eaglettes...**Jennifer Benson Buckley** and husband, **Tom Buckley**, welcomed daughter Siena Elizabeth to their home in San Francisco in April. **Cathy Reider Begley** and husband, Tom, welcomed their second daughter, Annie, in Nov. She joins sister Sabrina, who was two in Nov. Cathy's an at-home mom and loving every minute of it. They live in Great Falls, VA; Cathy recently ran into an old BC volleyball teammate at a Mom & Tots class. My, how things have changed! • **Dan Clare** wrote in with the good news that he and wife, Jacquie, are the proud parents of their second child, Daniel Paul, who arrived in Jan. His big sister, Katie, turned two in March; they are living in Westwood. The Foxboro Co. recently promoted him to the position of senior software engineer. Last year he was able to go on business trips to Germany (good beer) and Kuwait (dry country). Dan received his master's in electrical engineering from Boston Univ.; he's now in the process of becoming a part-time faculty member at the Northeastern Univ. School

of Engineering. Dan sees fellow classmates at the Ground Round in Norwood weekly, so anyone in the area should try to make it by. • **Aristeo Galian** and **Linh Phan** were married at St. Ignatius of Loyola last fall. He received a graduate certificate degree from Harvard Univ. extension school and his MBA from Univ. of San Francisco. • **Julie Thompson** was named director of communications at Fallon McElligott in Minneapolis. She was most recently at her own firm, Fox & Thompson, which she co-founded in '96. Some of her clients will now include Nikon, The Coca Cola Company, *Time Magazine*, Timex, Miller Brewing and BMW of North America. • I also received a great letter from **Stephen Corcoran**, who opened his own restaurant, Sky, in Sudbury. He's been in the restaurant business for 10 years, and is thrilled to finally have his own place! He welcomes any and all alumni. My best friend lives down the street and eats there at least once a week—she thinks it's great! Stephen and his wife, Nancy, live in Dedham. • That's it for now. I look forward to hearing from you!

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We've a lot of ground to cover, so without further ado...**Paul Tardif**, wife, Marti, and first born, Drew, celebrated the arrival of the strong 8 pound, 7 ounce Adrienne Alice Tardif in Oct. • In addition to her nurse practitioner position with an internal medicine group, **Kirsten Messer-Pinto** and husband, Pete, took on the big job (I mean big) of parenting 10-pounder Matthew. • **Carolyn Lynch Egan** also plays the dual role of pediatric nursing in Burlington, VT and being a mommy to John Hagen Egan since May 10, 1997. • Truly on double duty, **Donna Hidalgo Mavromates** and husband, Stan, welcomed twin girls, Michaela and Olivia, on Marathon Monday '97. • **Lisa Shattuck** and hubby, Drew, are enjoying life in Middletown, CT with their sons, Philip and Charles. • **Sallie McGagh Delaney** and husband, Brian, took home the zaftig 8 lb. 7 oz. Sophia Margaret in Oct. '97. • Shannon Margaret Wright joined proud parents **Maureen Shannon**, doctoral candidate at Michigan State, and

husband, Doug Wright, in May '97. • Happily married in Medford are **Carolyn Hackett Burns** and husband, James. Carolyn updates us on her Hillside A-16 roomies: **Kim Wilson** can be found on the North Shore. • Bama-bound **Katy Thompson Pugh** and husband, Ralph, officially professed their long time love in Aug. '96. Busy in the Big Apple is **Jennifer Granozio**. Carolyn et al. are looking for the remainder of their six-some, **Bridget McCarthy** and **Jane Sheridan Riley**, so if you're out there ladies, drop a line. • **Michelle Keefe** eloped with the romantic Jack Williams in Key West in Feb. '97. • **Matthew Schemmel** celebrated his nuptials to May Lee with his Hillside buddies, **Robert Cerny** (with wife, Bridget), **Chris Constas** (with wife, Stacey Savage), **Timothy Pierce**, **Ethan Scott Cooper** (the future senator) and **Jamie Linkowski** (with wife, Diane). Matthew and the boys are looking for **Michael McCarthy**—where are you? • Keeping in close touch, **Al DeGrasse** and **Greg Carpinello** are teaching and coaching together at Trinity Pawling School in Pawling, NY. • Spindocter and now author, **Carter Wilkie** published *Changing Places: Rebuilding Community in the Age of Sprawl* last Nov. • Living in Floral Park, Long Island with husband, Tommy, and canine friend, Sully, is **Maureen O'Connor Mansfield**. • **Kimberly Dogan** is managing human resources for General Cinema Theaters in Chestnut Hill. • **Ellen Cavanaugh Ciampi** and husband, Don, can be found in Cheshire, CT. • **Scott Jamieson** and **Heidi Nemec** are enjoying life in Melrose with their three daughters, twins Haley and Amanda, and their younger sister, Kelsey. • Cruisin' for Susan, Rich Petroni proposed to **Susan Scully** while on the Caribbean; they plan a Sept. '98 wedding. • **Sheila Campbell Corkhill** celebrated her nuptials with husband, William, in May '97, and since has moved to W. Newton. • In July '97, **Ana Leal** and husband, Javier Feliciano, welcomed little Javier Andres to their home in Puerto Rico, where Ana and Big Javier both practice law. Ana updates us on a few other BCers, though her info. is rather sketchy: **Mary Beth Fitzpatrick**, **TJ Sullivan** and their daughter, Kathleen, live in CT; **Dave McGlone** and **Maria LaRose** live in Mass. with their daughter, Abigail; and **Jeff Montgomery**, wife, Sue, daughter, Shannon and newborn son (name TBA) live together somewhere. • **Gerald Goode** biked cross country from San Diego to Charles-

ton, SC in fall '97. Maybe Gerald came across the Montgomery family in his travels. • **Devin Murphy** is one of the driving forces behind the global expansion of Carey International, where he is senior VP for the world's largest chauffeured transportation company. • **Andrea Shannon Pickersgill**, husband, Paul, and kiddies, Adam and Laura, had a casa in southern Spain but are back in Michigan as of spring '98. • **Siobhan Clifford Derrickson** and husband, Paul, moved back to Back Bay in time to welcome their newest family member, William Aaron Clifford Derrickson, who arrived with more names than luggage in July '97. • **Thomas Shea** is an attorney with the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. in Washington, DC. • **Michele Gerety** married Maine maritimer Tim Reid. • **Alexander Damon Rosati** and wife, Mariangela Trujillo, celebrated their couplehood in Columbia in May '96, and their parenthood in Staten Island in July '97 with the arrival of the athletic 7 lb. 11 oz. Alexander Damon Rosati, Jr. • A collection of classmates drove through a freak snowstorm to New Paltz, NY to join **Christy Kel Kelly** and John Adams at their Nov. '97 nuptials, including Jennifer Deveney Anderson, Chris Driscoll, Bridget Leahy, Beth McMann, Ian and Lise Parenteau McKinnon, Andrew Schaad and Jon Stark. • Globetrotters **Jennifer Ward**, Captain, Army Nurse Corps, and Lieutenant Commander David Foley, US Navy, married in June '95 and have since lived in Moscow and Japan. • East Coast-trotter **Kristin LaPrise** travels from her home base in Charlotte, NC to direct the commercial bank training program at First Union Corp. • Lawyers in love, **Christine Fallon Good** and husband, Jonathan, just welcomed daughter Mary Catherine into their home in the Buckeye State. • **Donna Graham** and husband, Vassel Stewartson, spent their July '97 honeymoon in Vassel's homeland, Jamaica, then moved into a new home in Dorchester. • And **Steven Musumeci** is in the Big Apple practicing law for Paribas Capital, a French investment bank. • Steve and I are sorry we missed the reunion—Isabel wasn't up for it. Drop a line and let us know about the fun you had while we ate frozen yogurt at home and fell asleep by 9 that Saturday night.



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Thanks to everyone for all the letters and e-mails. If your update hasn't made this issue, please look for it in future columns. • **Steve Dorry** and wife Sharon have two daughters: Angela, born March 25, 1996, and Kelly, born Oct. 2, 1997. Steve graduated from Seton Hall Law School in '93 and is presently an attorney at McElroy, Deutsch & Mulvaney in Morristown, NJ. Steve and family live in Westfield, NJ and would love to hear from any classmates at Dorrys@juno.com. • **Lisa Foreman Dooley** and husband Kevin welcomed their second son, Brett Roy, on Aug. 31, 1997. Brett joins older brother Conor, 3. Along with caring for her boys, Lisa is an office manager for Korn/Ferry International, an executive search firm. The Dooleys live in Cohasset. • **Michele Stopka DiStasio** and husband Mark now have two sons; Luke Gabriel was born Dec. 13, 1997, and their older son, Michael, is now 4. Lisa works in marketing as customer acquisition manager for Seton Identification Products in Branford, CT. • Two of Michele's former roommates are also expecting (and by the time this is published, the babies will already be born): **May Briones Herr** and husband John were due in May, and **Mitch and Cathi Ianno Fournier** were due in June. Cathi and Mitch bought a home in Natick last summer. • **Kelly Brennan Dwight** and husband Brian had their first child, Brendan Patrick, on March 25. They live in Scituate. • **Leila Habra Miller** and husband Dean welcomed their fourth child, Paul Joseph, on Feb. 6. He joins siblings Cecily, Eric and Priscilla. They live in Phoenix, AZ. • **Lisa Quinn** married Greg Stokes in Harwich on June 28, 1997. **Kathy Adams** and **Jacqui Principe** were two of the bridesmaids. Lisa and Greg live in Annapolis, MD; both work for the Secret Service. Jacqui married Joseph Canney, Jr. in Park Ridge, NJ on May 2. Kathy and Lisa were bridesmaids. Jacqui is a human resources manager for Andersen Consulting in New Jersey, and Joseph works for the Secret Service in New York. Jacqui and Joe live in Bedminster, NJ. • **Grace DaSilva Zelig** and husband Michael welcomed son Nathaniel David into the world on Feb. 28. They reside in

Safety Harbor, FL. • **John and Dawn Miller Llewellyn** welcome the birth of their first daughter, Kelsey Caitlyn, on Nov. 21, 1997. • **Heidi Henson** received a doctorate in education and now runs a small consulting business in addition to being an assistant professor of English at Drake Univ. She and husband Andrew Herman have a son, Oliver Tarr Herman. Heidi would love to hear from **Bob Fitzgerald**. • **Richard Chutoransky** married Lisa Cotelleso last summer at St. Peter's Polish Roman Catholic Church in Norwood. Both work at Chiron Diagnostics in Walpole and live in Foxborough. • **Matthew Perreault** married MaryLynn Russak (sister of Brian Russak '92) on May 23. Their first child was due in late Aug., and they just bought a home in Pleasanton, CA. Matthew is a corporate controller for HMT Technology in Fremont, CA. • **John Valoze** moved from Boston to Orlando, FL in Sept. He is a bond underwriting manager at General Accident Insurance. • **Tom Faherty** graduated with an MBA from Univ. of Chicago in '96. He is living in NYC and works as an investment banker for Toronto Dominion Bank. • **Jim Ferguson** bought a house in Cambridge last year and is working at Cramer Productions as an editor. • **Julie Cummings Mullen** and husband Kevin announce the birth of their first daughter, Molly Katherine, born Jan. 2. Julie, Kevin and Molly live in Burlington, CT. • Last May, **Steve Lezaj** was transferred to L.A. where he works as an account executive for Hartford Financial Services Group. He and wife Becky live in Santa Clarita with new daughter Sarah Elizabeth, born Jan. 7. Steve can be reached via e-mail at slezaj@thehartford.com. • **Shawn Kennedy** plays semi-pro hockey for the Johnstown Chiefs in the East Coast Hockey League. He also owns and operates his own dry cleaning business called Shawnos. He has been back at BC working to get his diploma which he did not receive in '89 because he turned pro. Shawn is also working at his old hang out, Mary Anne's, on Wed., Thur. and Sat. nights. • **Anthony Caruso** graduated from Univ. of Washington in '94 with a medical degree. He has been married to his wife, Marisa, for five years. He is currently finishing his urologic surgery residency in Denver, CO. He has not heard from **Roberto Rojas** since graduation, and hopes after reading this, Roberto will be in touch. • **Tracey Brown** has been on a leave of absence from her job in Los Angeles where she has

been a deputy District Attorney since '92. She just completed and published her first book, *The Life and Times of Ron Brown*. It is a biography of her father who served in President Clinton's cabinet as Secretary of Commerce until he was killed in a plane crash during a trade mission to Bosnia. Tracey will be at BC this fall doing a reading from the book, which is in bookstores now.

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**Michael Baroni** is general counsel at Henry Holt & Co. book publishers in New York, and continues to write for the *New York Times*, *Cosmopolitan* and *Writers Digest*. Michael also works on screenplays and film production with actress-fiancee Lisa Lynnette. • **Stuart Tallmadge** and his wife, Kim, had a baby girl, Grace Patricia, May 15, 1997. Stuart is a sales rep. for Alcon Ophthalmic. • **Philip Tallmadge** and wife Monica had a baby girl, Margaret Mary, May 16, 1997. Philip is an attorney for Nelson, Dries & Zimmerman, SC. • **Scott and Kate Zimmerman Olivieri** had a baby boy on Jan. 28. His name is Chad, and he weighed 10 lbs., 9 oz! Chad has a proud big sister, Allie, who turned 3 in June. Kate is a nurse in the Medical ICU at Lahey Hitchcock Clinic. Scott is a multimedia group head at Hill, Holliday Interactive. • **Carol Gismondi D'Alessandro** lives in New Jersey with husband Rob. When she e-mailed me in March, she was on maternity leave from her job as an associate at the law firm of Tompkins, McGuire & Wachenfeld. Carol gave birth to her first child, Amanda Jeanne, on Oct. 7, 1997. • **Maureen Brogie Kubli** lives in Shrewsbury with her husband; she is a materials planner/buyer for Astra USA, a pharmaceutical firm in Westboro. Maureen's area of concentration is in the procurement of finished goods (prescription drugs) from international manufacturers. Maureen's big news is that she gave birth to twin girls in Jan. Maureen, her husband and Maggie (their 5 year-old black lab) are thrilled! She says twins are a lot of work, but twice as much fun! • **Pamela Lirio Dohring** has been living in Charlotte, NC with husband Shawn since '95 and telecommuting with Reuters

in Stamford, CT. She entered a doctoral program in international organizational behavior at McGill Univ. in Montreal, Canada last fall. Pamela will conduct her research in cross-cultural management and alternative work arrangements. Pamela and Shawn plan to move by the end of the summer. Shawn will then be the off-site worker with his current company, Sea-Land (an international shipping company). • **Erin Lesutis Mundy** and her husband, Tim, have relocated to Wilmington, DE where they welcomed the birth of their first child, Thomas Xavier, on Sept. 17, 1997. • **Laura Civetta** married Marco Pochintesta in '92; they have two daughters, Emma, 3 and Lilly, 1. Laura works part-time teaching English as a Second Language and lives in Cos Cob, CT. • **Karen Chin** married Michael Wong '89 on Long Island in Sept. '97. They live in Mount Laurel, NJ. Karen is an account executive with Neilsen. In attendance at their wedding were **Jay Lau**, **John Forbes** and wife Cecelia, and **Leslie Hebb** and her husband, Joe. • **Judy Ryan** works for John Hancock in Boston and lives in S. Weymouth. • **Antonella Amoddio** married Douglas Naylor in June '96. They welcomed their first baby, Benjamin Joseph, on Jan. 13. Antonella is an associate information engineer at Traveler's Life and Annuity in Hartford and resides in South Windsor, CT. • **Andrew McAleer** is the editor of a new crime fiction publication entitled *Crimestalker Casebook*. Mystery lovers who would like a brochure can write to Andrew at Falconcroft Press, 121 Follen Road, Lexington, MA 02173. • **James Magidson** married Christina Sullivan on Oct. 4, 1997. James is a VP at JP Morgan & Co. in New York. • **Brian Moriarty** married Laurie Pressley on June 8, 1996 in Winston-Salem, NC. Brian received his master's in religion and literature from Wake Forest Univ. in May '97. • **Martha D'Alleva** is a marketing manager for St. Elizabeth's Medical Center and the Caritas Christi Health Care System in Boston. • **Bob Ambrose** is director of instrumental music at Norwood High School in Norwood and co-founder of the BC Summer Band, for which he also serves as conductor. This band is comprised of students and alumni of BC, Norwood High School music students and community members from towns surrounding BC. The group gave its premiere performance in Aug. '97. • **Hillary Johns** is affiliated with the Law Offices of Brian D. Thiessen in Alamo, CA. She prac-



tices in the areas of family law, civil litigation and criminal law. • After receiving his MBA from UVA in '97, **Matt McConnell** went to work for Coopers & Lybrand in Boston. • **William Riley** also received his MBA from UVA, and works for Ernst & Young. • **John Doherty** of Newton won the Washington Univ. in St. Louis School of Architecture's Frederick Widmann Prize in Architecture. He was selected by the faculty as the best architectural student at the university, from which he graduated with a master's degree in May '97. • **Robert Leonard** is CFA, portfolio manager and a partner in FinArc LLC Investment Management, an investment firm that combines institutional portfolio management expertise with personal service. • Congratulations to **Victor Pierni**, **Patrick O'Sullivan** and **William Murphy**, all of whom were promoted to senior managers at KPMG Peat Marwick.

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The Class of 1992 would like to extend our appreciation and best wishes to John Wissler, who is retiring as Executive Director of the BC Alumni Association. • **Geoff Teehan** recently married **Colleen O'Connor** at St. Ignatius. The best man was Brendan Teehan. **Mike Burgmaier** was one of the groomsmen. In attendance was also their son, Peter Chris. Geoff graduated this year from Jefferson Medical College and will be starting his residency in internal medicine at UMass in Worcester. • **Mike Goss** and his wife, Sandra, had a baby girl, Alexandra Nicole Goss, in Jan. They live in Glastonbury, CT. Mike is a VP at Paine Webber in Hartford. • **Brian Yee** is a company commander at Fort Campbell, KY. He is responsible for an 87-man anti-tank company. • **Lisa Ferrari** took a trip to Vail, CO with **Kerry Tighe** and **Julie Donovan**. Lisa works for ABC in NYC. Kerry is working for Merrill Lynch in L.A., and Julie is working

for Princess Cruises. • **Melanie Caoile** is at Univ. of Rochester studying for her MBA. • **Kara Forte** got accepted to Columbia for a doctorate in education. • **Paul Mengedoth** joined the law firm of Morrison & Hecker L.L.P. in Feb. He works in the Phoenix office on financial institution regulation, financial services and consumer credit matters. Paul earned his law degree from Creighton Univ. Law School in '97. • **Sam Romeo** married Jenna Holmgren '95 in April '95 in Boston. **Rich Kennedy** was in attendance. Sam and Jenna are living in CA. Sam is beginning the second year of his family practice residency at Kaiser Permanente outside of L.A., and plans to complete a sports medicine fellowship in his fourth year. • **Nicole Ann Russo** married Thomas Steinthal last Sept. in Rye, NY. Nicole is an assistant manager of advertising for North and South America at Tiffany & Co. in New York. • **Heather Marie Smith** and **Garrett James Bradley** were married at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion last Aug. Both received their JD degrees from BC and are employed as assistant district attorneys. They live in Hingham. • **Kerrin Ellen Delaney** and **Robert Stephen Kelley** were married at St. Francis de Sales Church in North Kingstown, RI in Aug. '97. Kerrin, who received her masters at BC, is an elementary school teacher in Winchester. Robert, who received his MBA from BC, is employed at Reebok International in Stoughton. The couple resides in Canton. • **Carol Elizabeth McCue** became engaged to Andrew Richard Keffe. Carol is a manager of circulation at the *Burlington Free Press* in Burlington, VT. • **Jeffrey Douglas Sowa** married **Jennifer Layne Johnson** in Aug. '97. Jennifer graduated from BC Law, and Jeffrey graduated from BC and Roger Williams Univ. School of Law. He is employed by Gunning, LaFazia & Gnys. Their honeymoon was in Disney World; they make their home in Lincoln, RI.

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We're back on-line this issue! I extend my apologies to all our class-

mates for the error in last quarter's issue of BCM. Seems my submission disappeared into the e-mail graveyard. This submission is a late entry of the notes originally prepared for the last issue. • Before we begin, I'd like to extend a special thanks to Dan Walsh, Michael Pouliot, Lisa Ferrari, Jeff Teeven and Cara McNally for all the time they spent preparing for what turned out to be a terrific Reunion Weekend. We are now officially old enough to count ourselves sufficiently alumned! • Onto the news: **Sarah Jewell** sends her greetings from South Africa where she is teaching at primary school for a year through World Teach. She wanted to say a special "hello" to **Alycia Sacco**, who is in CT working towards her law degree at UConn. • **Jean Griffith** and **Ross Haskel** are each working towards post-graduate degrees at Texas A&M—Jean a PhD and Ross an MBA. Check out Ross' "My Mother's Fleabag Alumni" web site at <http://members.aol.com/bagalumni/Fleabag.html>. Fellow Flea-bagger **Amy Poehler** is performing and working on a pilot for Comedy Central in NYC. She's been spotted on the *Conan O'Brien Show*, appearing as Stacey, Andy's psychotic little sister! • **Jeanne Nelson** is teaching high school Spanish while working on her master's. • **Mina Janusz** is living in NYC and working as a recruiter at McKinsey & Co. • **Ann Stanitski** is working in human resources at Deloitte and Touche. • **Yuki Kanaya** is an analyst at the Hennessey Hedge Fund Advisory Group. • **Ehab Bandar** is working in Silicon Valley as an on-line marketing manager for Kensington. • **Georgeann Farah** is an account executive at an advertising agency in Chicago, and recently returned from an assignment in Paris. • **Nicole Gonneville** is working at Sprint in KC. • **Jen Sayer** is working towards her MBA at Dartmouth. • **Laura Milano** is working in New Hampshire as a special education evaluator and interpreter. You may find her singing in Portland, ME in a band called "Mood Indigo." • **Howard Xiao** is working in Tokyo with multimedia Internet software at Macromedia. • **Mike Deki** is working nearby in Tokyo at Merrill Lynch. • **Noelle Barnes** is in Rome with Univ. of Washington's Italian Renaissance Program. • Congratulations on the new BC babies: **Brian** and **Kim LaGraize Bent** are proud parents of a new baby girl, Kaley Marie. Kim graduated from LSU School of Dentistry with a DDS and is starting a private practice in New

Orleans. • Congratulations to **Laura and Damon Delise** who celebrated their second anniversary this year. Laura is working as an environmental aide for the water department in Tampa, and Damon is working for Andersen Consulting. • Congratulations to our newly married classmates: **Kimberly Clear** married Kevin Sandor in Nov. '97. **Cara Zappala** married Enrique Gutierrez y Vivas in July '97. Cara is currently working at the World Bank in DC. • **Lynn Sheehan** and **Joe Gosselin** were married in Sept. '97. Lynn is working for GE Capital while pursuing her MBA, and Joe is a salesman for Lyon Metal Products. • **Cindy Powers** married Dan Biddiscombe in Aug. The couple lives in NYC, where Cindy works for Trust Company of the West. • **Melissa Plante** and **Bob Bruhl** were married in July '98. Bob is working at the Cyprus Group, and Melissa is working at Tyco Submarine Systems. • **Elizabeth Biffy Merrill** married **Dan Cherniske** in Sept. Biffy is a genetic counselor at Yale, and Dan is working towards his MBA at Columbia. • **Ray Quiroga** married **Nicole Rothstein** in June '98 in NYC. • **Maura Kelly** is engaged to **TR Rowe** and planning a May '99 wedding. TR is an attorney at McNamara and Kenney in CT, and Maura is a reporter for the *Republican American* newspaper. • **Eric Terezakis** and **Mary-Jo Zoleta** are finally engaged! Eric is working with Chubb, doing executive protection underwriting, and Mary-Jo has returned to Andersen Consulting to work in change management.

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Here's hoping you had a fun-filled, relaxing summer. • I recently attended a BC wedding, that of **Chris Carleo**, now Christopher Carleo, MD, and Genevieve on May 29, 1998. Ushers included **Brett Tejpau** and **Tony Bertoldo**. There were over a dozen BCers in attendance. Chris graduated from medical school this May and plans to reside in Long Island for his residency in emergency medicine. Congratulations and best wishes to the both of you. • **Morgen McLaughlin** was married to Nathaniel Smith on October 4, 1997 at her family's vineyard in Sandy Hook, CT. Members of the wed-



ding party included **Kristen O'Reilly** and **Jennifer Lahr**. • When **Shawn Dornan** met Kim Marino '93 at Dorr's Liquor Mart six years ago, he never thought he would marry her! Well, he was wrong—Shawn and Kim are planning a July wedding. (Maybe Dorr's will give you a complementary bottle of champagne to celebrate!) • **Sharon Cavanagh** married Kevin Dane on Aug. 15 in Old Saybrook, CT. Sharon is working as a hospice nurse in Prince Georges County, MD. • Here is a huge list of BC engagements: **Meredith**

**McNeilage**, who is currently living with **Melanie Prusinki** in NYC, is engaged. Bridesmaids in her wedding will be **Susanne Connors** and **Kim Battaini**, who have both recently become engaged to **John Joyce** and **Dennis Thornton**, respectively. Other engagements include: Jenny Wilson and Jack Callahan, Michelle Damian and Mike Campbell, Jonna Mollicone and Chris Angelone, and Jerry Caruso and Jennifer Bono. • **Susan Master** recently became engaged to Stephen O'Neil '92. Susan moved to Boston after receiving her master's in psychology from the Univ. of North Carolina. She is now an account manager at the Blue Dolphin Group. Susan and Stephen are planning a fall wedding. • **Jonathan Fallon** writes to assure all his classmates that he has *not* fallen off the face of the earth. He has just been in New Mexico receiving his master's in biomedical sciences at Univ. of New Mexico Medical School. This busy man will start medical school at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri this fall. To top it all off, he convinced his younger brother to follow in his footsteps and attend BC this fall. Well, Jonathan, you've definitely been up to a lot. Thanks for the update. •

**Kathleen Kane** writes in to congratulate **Bill Fallon** and **Beth Caracuzzo** for passing the California bar exam. Bill is now the youngest DA in Orange County. She also let us know that **Mike McGrattan** is working as a software consultant to develop a database for Chicken of the Sea. Kathleen is working in HR for Chiron Technologies, Center for Gene Therapy. Kathleen requested that **Alan Bengzon** call or write her—she'd love to hear from you. Alan, don't forget! • **Kelly Keefer** is taking great advantage of CO skiing since she has moved there and started working at Vail Associates in Vail! • **Marco Benazzo** writes in to say that he has been very busy since graduation. He is living in his new house in

Morgan Hill, CA and working for Dicar, Inc. as a sales manager. He got married and has two wonderful children, Jack and Sofia. Marco's friend, **Jacques Oury**, is married to Jeanne; they have a son, Jake. Jacques works for an advertising agency in Missoula, MT. • All those in the Boston area who are interested in trying yoga, our very own **Stefani Reitter** is a yoga instructor at the Beacon Light Yoga Center on Brighton Ave. If you're interested, go down and have a look. • **Joy Russell** writes in to say "hello" to **Priya Chitre**, who toured the volcanoes of Hawaii and now is working in public relations at Clarke & Co., Boston; and to **Brain Hannon**, who is working for computer magazine *PC Week*. Joy will be attending Columbia Univ.'s Graduate School of Journalism in the fall while working as a writer for *Information Week*, a computer magazine. • Taking a leave of absence from Deloitte & Touche hasn't upset **Shannon Crotty**. She joined JVC and is living in Tacoma, WA, working with mothers who have substance abuse problems and their children. • **Ann Highland** is working at Fidelity and living in Charlestown. • **Cathy Huh** is the proprietor of restaurant Shish in NYC and recently appeared in a profile in *New York Magazine*. • **Paul McNamara** is still working at Arnold Advertising on the McDonald's account. • **Donna Giordano** works at Ernst & Young in NYC while living in Hoboken, NJ. • **Cheryl Hockman** runs her own Internet company. • **Katie Rollins** lives in Chicago and is a cheerleader for the Chicago Bulls. • **Christy McLean** and **Kelly Mulcahy** are living together in NYC.

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**Ann Toohey** graduated from Vermont Law School and is working at the Environmental Protection Agency for the office of general counsel in Washington, DC. • **Dana Colarulli** is also living in DC. After working closely for two years with the White House and the Hill on welfare reform issues at the Department of Health and Human Services, Dana has taken a job for the Small Business Administration, implementing their welfare to work

initiative • Dana updates us that **Tara McGrath** is also in DC, working with Secretary Rubin at the Department of Treasury. • Caitlin O'Connell is working for the Conservation Fund, a nonprofit agency in VA. • Bon voyage to **Dave DeRosa**, who recently left DC to take a job as a Department of Defense budget officer. Anyone interested in life in the DC area should check out the very cool homepage Dana has created with the help of some other alumni: [www.bc.edu/dcclub](http://www.bc.edu/dcclub). • **Tina Peplow** is now engaged to her high school sweetheart, Douglas Murphy, and will be married Sept. 13 in Mass. Tina is an assistant account executive for Brodeur Porter Novelli, the nation's leading consumer technology PR firm. Best wishes, Tina and Douglas! • Also engaged are **Abigail Cooper** and **Keith Horyczun**. After graduation, Abby worked in Manhattan for Edelman Public Relations, while Keith entered the Army and was commissioned as a lieutenant. Presently, they are living in Kaiserslautern, Germany, approximately 50 miles from the French border. Keith has been assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery. Abby is working with children at the Miesau Child Development Center. They have enjoyed many wonderful elements of European culture through their travels and send greetings to all of their friends! • Best wishes are also sent to **Jenna Holmgren** and Sam Romeo '92 who were married April 5, 1997 in Boston. Jenna and Sam now live in southern California. Jenna is working on her field placement for teaching and will be completing a credentialing program for elementary education this coming fall. Sam is beginning the second year of his family practice residency at Kaiser Permanente outside of L.A., and has plans to complete a sports medicine fellowship in his fourth year. • Also planning a wedding are **Michelle Douglas** and Jason Kriesser, both of Omaha. Michelle is pursuing a law degree at Creighton Univ. Congratulations, Michelle and Jason! • **James F. Doyle** has started his own professional services marketing company called Integrated Marketing Strategies with offices in Boston and S. Weymouth. The company provides business development strategies and client services for law firms, accounting firms and other professional service firms. • Wunderkind **Marvin Chow** has been spotlighted in *Adweek* for his on-line marketing accomplishments at Reebok International. Marvin, director of inter-

active marketing for Reebok, has created a variety of digital media, including CD Roms and virtual reality, to advertise their wide variety of sporting goods and apparel. Way to go, Marvin! We're so proud of you! • As for me, I'm back in Aspen, CO enjoying the beauty and serenity of the Rockies, so please void out my CA address. Please mail updates to my parent's home in NJ (see address above), or e-mail me at [megangurda@hotmail.com](mailto:megangurda@hotmail.com). Hope you all had a great summer!

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Hello to all. I hope that you all had a relaxing summer and were able to enjoy the sun! My summer was fantastic, as I finished my term with the Inner City Teaching Corps and traveled to England with **Lee Fitzpatrick**! • There are many exciting events that I must share, so I will begin with **Tom Hobbs**. On July 4, 1998 Tom married Patty Scheppach in Laguna Hills, CA. In attendance at the wedding were **Pam Heffernan**, **Jessica Bender** and **Nick Von Gymnich**. Congratulations, Tom! Tom currently works for an Internet service, Electricity, in CA. • Another great congratulations goes out to **Carrie Cerrullo** for completing her first-ever marathon in Boston. Carrie yearned to run the marathon while she attended BC—so excellent job in following your dreams! • Speaking of dreams, we have two future authors in our class. **Collin Sullivan** was awarded a great scholarship at Fordham Univ. from the English Department. **Jay Reichle** was also awarded a scholarship to Univ. of Pittsburgh for creative writing. Aside from writing short stories, Jay teaches college courses. • Graduates from the School of Nursing are really on the move as well. **Lynn Damigelola** currently is working on her master's at BC to become a nurse practitioner. Another SON graduate, **Maryann McLachlan**, moved to San Diego to become a midwife. Maryann has always dreamed of delivering babies, and now her wish will come true. • **Tracey Longo** is another classmate following her dreams. Tracey is teaching third grade in Connecticut, as well as working on a master's in reading, curriculum and instruction. • **Cara O'Brien** works arduously each day on her aspiration to



become a sports announcer. In the spring, Cara sent out 50 videotapes to news stations across the country. Cara is awaiting many options, but her friend and inspiration, Bob Costas, critiqued her demo tape and gave Cara rave reviews! Way to go, O'B. • **Brooke Higgins** finished his service with the Inner City Teaching Corps in June and will be working in South America in the fall. Brooke greatly enjoyed his teaching experience in Chicago and will continue his calling in South America. • **Bill Lyons** completed his master's in family studies at Loyola of Chicago and will pursue a law degree at Georgetown in the fall. • My last move has been to a small town in Washington State called Spokane. I am currently attending law school at Gonzaga Univ. • There are many classmates that I have not heard from in the past two years, so please keep me up to date on your adventures, accomplishments and wishes! Take care and keep in touch.

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Cheers! Hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed at least a few sunny days at the beach. Now that the nights are beginning to cool off once again, we are reminded that it's kickoff time for football season and of what many of us have left behind—school days! Well, not all of us are in the clear yet!! Many have succeeded in returning to school in some capacity—be it as student or teacher. • New law school attendees include **John Minardo** and **Michael Razzinski** at Fordham Law. Returning for his second year at Duke University School of Law, **Dustin Rawlin** just finished a job as a summer associate at Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, a law firm in Cleveland. While at Duke, he acts as hall director for a freshmen dorm and can be reached at [dustin.rawlin@duke.edu](mailto:dustin.rawlin@duke.edu). • Medical school opens its doors to **Allison Moosally**, Hanneman Medical; **Keith Breglio**, Loyola Medical; and **Athena Xafaris**, U Mass Medical. Other grad students include **Solomon Sund**, Emory; and **Brian Matteson** and **Keith Vivona**, U of Maryland. • New teachers include **Meghan Kerrigan** at Weymouth High School. • Meanwhile, wedding bells were ringing last year at this time when **Rebekah**

**Sarah Honer** married Framingham State grad **Jeremy John Spera**. They both work at Hard Rock Cafe in Boston and live in Framingham. • Speaking of restaurants, **Maura Bulman**, who received her PhD in Spanish lit, now owns a gourmet sandwich shop, Circe's Grotto, in North Scituate. • Other Bostonians include **Michael Chevalier**, who works as a fund accountant, and **Spiros Giannaros**, who works at Thompson Financial. Some of their college buddies have left Beantown and now live in the Manhattan area, including **Chris Vigeant**, who works for Paine Webber, and **Tom Brooks**, who works in pharmaceutical sales. • **Matt Kelly** and **Kevin Mitchell** have driven the farthest—literally—last summer when they packed up the car and headed for the Gold Coast. They are both living and working in San Jose, CA. Kevin is a research analyst for Infonetics Research (a market research/consulting company). • Meanwhile back east, several Manhattan area grads gathered at the Black Finn for drinks and memories during the spring—we'd love to see more of you and are hoping to meet up again soon. If you're in the area and would like to join us, please email me and we'll be sure to add you to the list next time. And please feel free to tell us about life outside the office, classroom, lab or where ever you might be. Trips, adventures, weddings, engagements: anyone???

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Hi all! Hope you enjoyed this post-graduation summer. I'm the new correspondent for the Class of '98—look here each quarter for news and updates from classmates and friends. Write to me and let me know what you're up to. As this went to press, I was traveling around Europe...what did you do this summer?

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Michele Diane Forzley and **Gordon Bock** '87 were married Oct. 4, 1997. The Rev. Joseph Longonfono performed the ceremony at St. George's

Antiochean Orthodox Church in Danbury, CT. Michele is an associate editor of the *Exporter*, a trade magazine in New York, and the author of *Winning in Foreign Markets* (Crisp Publications, 1994). Gordon is a freelance writer. • **Mary Evan Hooper** '59, widow of John R. Stipp, sent me a note on May 25 to announce her marriage to Albert Henry Fitzgerald on Sunday, May 24, which took place in Sun City Center, FL. Best wishes and congratulations to both couples. • **Franz Minuty** '84 is a teacher and chairperson of the ESL department at Jones High School in Orlando, FL. • **Frederick Riccioli, Jr.** '96 has been employed by PPG Industries since Oct. '96. • **Margaret Kenney** '69 and '72 is teaching word processing to persons over 55 years of age through the Mayflower RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) in Plymouth. • **Robert J. McMullin** '94 is presently working in N. Attleboro as the production control manager for Distron Corp. • **Jeanne Loftus** '59 has been a real estate broker for 18 years and now has her own business, Minot Realty, in Scituate. Jeanne services all of the South Shore. She has five children scattered around the world and the US, all pursuing careers and marriages. Also, Jeanne has two darling grandchildren. Good luck with your real estate business, Jeanne. • **Paul Hooper** '82 is immersed in genealogical research. Paul stated that BC's O'Neill and Burns libraries have been very helpful. He has travelled to Ireland and has done a lot of hiking. • **Theresa V. Norton** '51 is retired from the Framingham school department and is currently doing volunteer work in a United Way affiliate. • **Joe Gillis** '59 is retired and helping out at a food pantry. Both Theresa and Joe like what the CAS alumni began doing last year, distributing cereal to food pantries. • **Gerald T. Moore** '60 retired from Tomkins Industries; he and wife June moved to north central Florida in June '96. After a year of living on the second tee of a golf course, they don't miss the snow and cold weather at all. • **Robert E. Power** '60 is enjoying retirement from Boston Edison. He is spending a lot of time with his grandchildren, and when he's not with them, he's playing golf. • **Jeannete Hajjar** '67 is retired and not doing anything special. • Prayers and condolences are extended to the families of **Grace P. McGillivray** '47, **Lena M. Bevilacqua** '56, **Herman G. Silva** '56, **Walter P. Foley** '61, **James Creed** '64 and **Walter P. Lee** '73, all of whom have died in recent months. • If you have any news, please drop

me a note. Hope you've had a happy summer!

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Hello all! Send your news to the above address; include graduation year and degree. Visit the SOE web page at [http://www.bc.edu/bc\\_org/avp/soe](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/soe). • **Maureen Buckley**, PhD '95, counseling psychology, is assistant professor (tenure track) in counseling psychology at Sonoma State Univ. in Rohnert Park, CA. • **Ellen Butler**, MA '98, counseling, is a behavior health liaison/school counselor at St. Mary's Medical Center in San Francisco. • **Karyn Patricia Conlon**, MA '97, counseling, married Michael P. McGee on Oct. 11, 1997. She is a guidance counselor at Coyle-Cassidy High School in Taunton. • **Patricia Fahle**, MED '98, curriculum and instruction, received the 1998 George Zermas Scholarship Award from the Lowell Association for the Blind. • **Philip Cate Huckins**, PhD '95, curriculum and instruction, was named to "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." He was interviewed by New Hampshire media about the NH Supreme Court decision on school funding. • Two graduates of the developmental and educational psychology program made presentations at the American Educational Research Association conference in San Diego. **Sue Leibowitz**, PhD '90, was a co-presenter at the roundtable discussion, "Transition Project: Observing Early Childhood Classrooms." Dr. Leibowitz works at Salem State College. **Alice McIntyre**, PhD '96, was a panelist at the symposium, "Society is Multicultural, Schools of Education Are Not: Exploring Historical and Contemporary Issues of Diversity in Schools of Education." Dr. McIntyre also chaired the symposium, "Embracing Human Diversity: Creative Methodologies in Educational Research." She works at Fairfield Univ.



in Fairfield, CT. • **Kimberly Ruggles Mell**, MEd '92, developmental and educational psychology, and husband Bradley announce the birth of daughter Eliza Egerton, born Jan. 12. • **Thomas Scott**, PhD '90, PSAP VI, has been appointed executive director of EDCO, an educational collaborative of nearly 20 Boston-area school systems. He is the superintendent of schools in Concord/Carlisle. • **Daniel Louis Washington**, PhD '76, educational psychology, died Nov. 9, 1997. Dr. Washington was professor of psychology at Savannah State College in Savannah, GA from 1975 until his retirement. • The BC SOE Higher Education Alumni Council is looking for fellow graduates of their program for opportunities to network and have fun. Interested? Contact **Melissa Trotta**, MA '92, at melissa\_trotta@harvard.edu.

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Welcome to the notes for this quarter. To keep these interesting, please keep mailing or e-mailing your updates to me. • **Matthew Dowling** '85 moved from the UK to the Bay Area in Feb. '97 to take the CFO position with Connor Formed Metal Products, a manufacturing company servicing the high tech industry. • **John Gallagher** '90 is teaching on the tenure-track in both the MBA & undergrad programs at BC. He says that it is a great job, and that he and his wife, Kim, are thrilled to be back in Boston. Feel free to contact him at john.gallagher@bc.edu. He would love to hear from alumni, especially those in high tech. He reports that things at the school are going extremely well. GMAT scores for the new class (accepted in '98) rival those at the best schools in the country. They've also launched an IT concentration at the MBA level. He went to Europe over the summer as one of the faculty advisors for the MBA European Experience. • **David Roegge** '90 and his wife, Sabra, had twin boys, Ryan and Alex, on Nov. 10, 1997. • Congratulations to **Mary Elizabeth Liz Johnston** who recently married Michael Joseph Volgende, Jr. • **Kevin Wall** '70 is associated with the firm of Conn, Kavanaugh, Rosenthal, Peisch & Ford, LLP.

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**Burdick** '95 is working at the Justice Resource Institute, Butler Center in Westboro. This is a DYS facility for adolescent male violent and sexual offenders, ages 14-20. • **Joe DeAngelis** '95 is working at Lowell Adult Day Treatment, a group program serving adults with chronic psychiatric disabilities. • **Heather McNeary Duell** '94 married Stephen Duell last Dec. She lives in Albany, NY and works for the Albany County Rape Crisis Center as a sexual assault therapist. • **Lynn Bromley** '91 is a social worker and a Democrat who is running for a seat in the Maine State Senate. The general election is in Nov. • **Robert Ellis** '91 accepted a transfer to a brand-new VA Hospital in Riviera Beach, FL to open their new psychiatric unit. He is still the social worker on inpatient psychiatry. He lives in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. • **Laurie Brown Harrington** '87 provides social work services for special needs children at the LABBB Collaborative in Lexington. Laurie is eagerly anticipating the birth of her third child in June. • **Joel Peterson** '87 is clinical director of the Boston Vet Center and has completed American Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Training to qualify as an emergency response team member. • **Robert G. Schley** '83 was awarded an MBA in health care administration in June '97 from the Baruch College/Mt. Sinai School of Medicine at City University of New York.

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**Hon. Joseph Lian Jr.** '60 has been named a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mass. Bar Foundation. • **William A. McCormack** '67 and his daughter, **Kerry E. McCormack** '96, became the first father and daughter to both represent the Law School at the regional level of the National Moot Court Competition. Like her father almost 20 years before, Kerry went with the Law School team in Nov. '95 to the New England competition, where members of the team presented appellate arguments to a panel of judges. The year before, **Scott C. Ford** '95 followed in the footsteps of his father, **George M. Ford** '65, competing in the same competition his father had years ago, making them the first Law School father and son

to be members of the national teams. • **Alan S. Kaplinsky** '70 chaired the Practicing Law Institute conference "Consumer Financial Services Litigation" in San Francisco. He previously chaired a similar program for the institute in NYC. He is a partner in the firm Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll in Philadelphia. • **Edith N. Dinneen** '73 joined the Florida-based firm of Annis, Mitchell, Cockey, Edwards & Roehn as a shareholder. Her expertise is in employment law counseling. She was previously a partner at the New York law firm of Rogers & Wells. • **Richard P. Campbell** '74 has become a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is the founder of Campbell Campbell & Edwards Professional Corp. in Boston. • **Thomas E. Peisch** '74, a partner at the Boston firm of Conn, Kavanaugh, Rosenthal, Peisch & Ford, was appointed chairman of the Clients' Security Board. • **Mark N. Berman** '76 has been appointed to the Clients' Security Board for a five-year term. He is a partner and chairman of the business department at the Boston firm of Hutchins, Wheeler & Dittmar. • **Robert P. Lombardi** '76 has been elected to the Worcester Academy Board of Trustees. He is also a director of Flagship Bank and Trust Co. and is on the executive committee of the Mass. Biotechnology Research Institute. • **Alan G. Philibosian** '78 was elected to the Board of Directors of Mack-Cali Realty Corp., a real estate investment trust. He practices law in Englewood, NJ. • **Rep. Richard H. Thompson** '80 received the '98 Howard H. Dana Jr. Award from the Maine Bar Foundation. The award, the highest bestowed by the foundation, is given once a year to a person who has worked for increasing access to justice for low-income residents of Maine. As House Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, Thompson's efforts created a fund for civil legal services for the poor and needy elderly in Maine. • **Eric L. Stern** '81 was named a real estate partner in the Philadelphia office of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP. He is experienced in developer and lender acquisition, leasing and financing, and in loan restructuring and asset recovery. • **William P. Hadley** '84 received the '97 Boys' and Girls' Club of Springfield Allis Award for service to the youth of Springfield. He has been the Boys' Club wrestling coach since '84 and a member of the Club's board of directors. He is also a partner at Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury & Murphy, PC and lives in



Longmeadow with his wife, **Linda Clifford Hadley** '84, and their three children. • **M. Laurie Cammisa** '85 was promoted to VP for government relations at Children's Hospital, Boston. She has been director of government relations for seven years. • **Gregg J. Pasquale** '85 and Melissa A. White have formed the law firm Pasquale & White LLP. The firm, located in Boston, concentrates in the representation of plaintiffs in medical malpractice and personal injury litigation. • **Michael J. Mitchell** '89 is now a partner in the New York office of Haight Gardner Holland & Knight. His primary focus is maritime law. • **Craig L. Eaton** '90 joined the firm of Adler Pollock & Sheehan. He is active in the firm's energy practice and corporate law groups. Previously, he served as general counsel to Narragansett Electric Co. in Providence, RI. • **Paris G. Filippatos** '91 has formed a partnership with Craig M. Bonnist and opened a law firm in NYC. The firm concentrates on commercial and employment litigation. • **Steven P. Eakman** '92 has joined the corporate finance practice group at Foster Pepper & Shefelman in Seattle. He was formerly with the firm Lane Powell Spears Lubersky LLP. • **Charles Scott Toomey** '92 married Allison Marie Shuey last Nov. in Wayne, PA. • **David E. Danner** '94 opened a law office in Nashville, TN in '96. His has a website at [www.lawinfo.com/law/tn/danner](http://www.lawinfo.com/law/tn/danner), and is the author of *Administrative Law in Practice: The Federal Maritime Commission*. • **Lawrence M. Dobrow** '95 is the business editor of *Wideband* magazine, a computer trade publication based in NYC. • **W. Kenneth Hunt** '95 accepted an in-house corporate counsel position at NASA headquarters in Pasadena, CA. • **David M. Simas** '95 was elected selectman for the city of Taunton where he was previously a school committee representative. • **Kimberly M. Diaz** '95 was promoted to supervising attorney for the District Attorney's office in Woburn where she served as an assistant district attorney. • **Katherine Tammelleo** '96 passed the Rhode Island and Mass. bar exams and is an attorney with the Rhode Island Ethics Commission. • *In Memoriam:* **Everett T. Allen, Jr.** '52, **Joseph W. Breen** '52, **Edward J. Ridge** '52 and **Charles M. Sullivan** '60.

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Rockwell of Beverly Hills, is fascinated throughout his career by death, and most particularly by suicide.

In a very serious and relatively early sound film, *American Madness*, which Capra made in 1932, Thomas Dickson, a small-time bank president, sees his role as serving his Depression-ridden community rather than as maximizing profits. A syndicate of outside interests wants to take over and run the bank on sound business principles: foreclose, foreclose, foreclose. Dickson resists, but rumors that the safe has been cleaned out during a robbery start a panic. Desperate depositors try to withdraw their savings before the bank collapses. Convinced that he has failed his community, Dickson stares at the revolver in his desk drawer. Then, reversing the bank run, leading members of the community bring in money for deposit and save both the bank and Dickson's life.

If that sounds familiar, it should. Immediately after World War II, Dickson becomes George Bailey and seriously thinks about jumping off a bridge on Christmas Eve because the Bailey Building and Loan seems near collapse after a devious theft of its resources. The evil Mr. Potter is about to take over and foreclose, foreclose, foreclose, but the neighbors chip in, pay the outstanding debt, and Bailey and his bank are saved.

As the suicide scene begins in *American Madness*, Dickson is upstairs in his office, entirely alone, shut off from the community in distress on the bank floor. He is rescued, not by the Angel Clarence but by his wife. Their marriage had been under strain because of his preoccupation with bank business, and, although she is ultimately proven innocent, Dickson believes she has been unfaithful. She insists on entering the room in which her husband has locked himself. As the door opens, the camera adopts her subjective point of view and searches the room frantically for her distraught husband. A messenger from the outside world, she soon restores his sense of what we can only call communion, first by assuring him of her fidelity and second by preparing him to accept the news that the wider community has come to his rescue. His acceptance of her double message—personal love and the active presence of community—becomes his salvation, or, we might say, resurrection from the death of loneliness.

While I would not argue that this is an exclusively Catholic theme, I would argue that it is characteristically Catholic, and a product of Capra's Catholic imagination. Popular Catholicism in Capra's pre-ecumenical era was often tainted by a reductionist position that there is no salvation outside the Church and then, conversely, that salvation depends exclusively on being a member in relatively good standing. Leaving the Church through a civil marriage or loss of faith, for example, was a form of death (and a deathbed reconciliation with the Church was the answer to a mother's desperate prayer).

In Capra's imaginative universe, a protagonist who feels that he has betrayed his community is doomed to isolation, or more explicitly, excommunication. Suicide only ratifies the reality of the death that he already experiences through withdrawal from communion. God's grace, or salvation, is mediated by the community—in Dickson's case (and in George Bailey's) by a wife and loyal friends.

For the Marxist, salvation comes through class conflict; for the Catholic, such as Capra, salvation comes from community. But not everyone can gain salvation in Capra's world—heathens, for example, cannot. Capra returned to the suicide theme just one year later with 1933's *The Bitter Tea of General Yen*. Yen is a petty warlord in China in the 1920s. In one of the endless civil wars, he is betrayed by his allies and loses his wealth and army. He has fallen in love with an American Caucasian played by Barbara Stanwyck, a Protestant missionary whom he is protecting. He concludes that because of their racial differences and his loss of power, marriage is impossible. (Capra's harsh racist views reappear in the propaganda films he made for the War Department during World War II.) Trapped in his political, religious and ethnic isolation, General Yen drinks his final cup of tea, bitter with poison.

**A BAD SCENE** After Capra's mystical "conversion experience" in 1935, when he resolved to make only "message" films, he returned to the suicide motif again and again. The most frightening of these instances is *Meet John Doe*, made in 1941 as the United States, still feeling the effects of the Depression, also teetered on the edge of the war in Europe. It was a frightening time.

Ann Mitchell, played by Barbara Stanwyck, is a newspaper columnist about to lose her job. To save it, she invents a character she calls John Doe, who promises to jump off the roof of city hall at midnight on New Year's Eve so that people will listen to the "John Doe philosophy," a Mitchell-invented homespun farrago of Golden Rule and simple-minded fascism: Norman Vincent Peale meets Mussolini. Mitchell compounds the fraud by hiring Long John Willoughby, a former baseball pitcher played by Gary Cooper, to pretend to be John Doe.

Willoughby is the perfect spokesman, and soon John Doe clubs spring up all over the country. In fact, they become so powerful that the evil tycoon D. B. Norton plans to use them to further his presidential ambitions. Finally, Willoughby realizes that this innocent hoax has become dangerous and he threatens to tell the truth. At a political rally, the populist masses become an angry mob, and with the encouragement of Norton's goons, they turn on Willoughby. Realizing that Mitchell and Norton have been using him and that he has joined them in deceiving his followers, Willoughby concludes that he must do the only









#### HAPPY ENDINGS:

In the final moments of each movie, (clockwise from near left) John Doe, George Bailey and Mr. Deeds are restored to their communities.



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honorable thing. Having betrayed his community and been rejected by them (excommunicated), he resolves to go ahead with the suicide as advertised.

Clearly, Capra had a problem finding a suitable conclusion for the film. In the original story, *The Life and Death of John Doe*, by Richard Connell and Robert Presnell, Doe leaps. But neither the studio nor the public would tolerate killing off Gary Cooper. After trying several unsatisfactory endings, Capra reverted to the two-step reintegration into community that had saved Dickson in *American Madness*. Ann Mitchell manages to rise from her sickbed and, still in her nightgown, finds Willoughby on the roof just before he leaps. She tells him of her love, and then, in the incredibly bad scene that follows, both are reaccepted into the larger church of the John Doe clubs. Doe's anticipated act of self-sacrifice has forced the organization to purify itself of worldly ambitions. Like a church after the convulsion of reform, the John Doe Club on the rooftop returns to its spiritual roots. True to its original mission, it forgives and embraces Willoughby, and thus enables him to pass from death to resurrection.

That awful rooftop scene is an awkward postscript that even Capra despised. In it, Doe, an archdeceiver, is improbably recast as a messianic figure. Mitchell and the Does argue that he has saved them because he is willing to lay down his life for his friends—to coin a phrase. In fact, they have saved him from death by restoring his place in the larger community. But the internalized structures that influence Capra's art arise in popular piety, not speculative theology. Who needs consistency to be pious? Willoughby is restored to life, and the triumphal music celebrates resurrection.

**THE RESURRECTION TWO-STEP** But suicide can be metaphorical as well as real. *Mr. Deeds Goes to Town* was Capra's first film after his vision of "the little man" in 1935. In it, Longfellow Deeds, played by Gary Cooper, writes poetry for greeting cards, plays tuba in the local marching band and radiates the good life as lived in small-town America. And then he has the misfortune to inherit \$20 million and is forced to move into a mansion on the East Side of Manhattan. Babe Bennett, played by Jean Arthur, is the spiritual mother of John Doe's Ann Mitchell. Bennett, too, is a cynical newspaper reporter and a moral monster. She befriends Deeds in order to get bumpkin-on-Broadway stories that make him appear ridiculous. Far from home and terribly lonely, Deeds falls in love with her. He also grows uncomfortable with his wealth in the midst of Depression poverty. He decides to use his money to buy land for disenfranchised farmers, who line up outside his mansion. (What all these impoverished farmers are doing in Manhattan is a mystery lost in the mind of Frank Capra, but they do represent Capra's very American belief in the moral

superiority of rural values over urban depravity.) Deeds's simple goodness wins Bennett over, but it is too late. He finds out about her treachery and rejects her. At the same time, some unscrupulous New York lawyers try to get their well-manicured paws on Deeds's fortune by having him declared insane for giving away his fortune.

Hurt and alone, Deeds refuses to speak in his own defense. He broods in his hospital room. During the trial he ignores the judge's questions. Of course, in the mind of the court such a strategy simply confirms that he is mad. By Deeds's silence, he collaborates in his own death as surely as if he had put a gun to his temple. Just as the judge is about to pronounce his decision, Bennett breaks through Deeds's shell by proclaiming that she loves him. The farmers, who have packed the benches, burst into wild cheering for their friend and benefactor—Longfellow Deeds, a simple country boy, just like them. Once again, through Bennett and then the crowd, the two-step process of resurrection into community is completed.

The formula worked so well that Capra repeated it three years later with *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*. Jefferson Smith, played by Jimmy Stewart, is the founder of the boy rangers and the conductor of a boys' marching band. Through an improbable series of events, the governor of an unnamed state out West calls upon Smith to complete the term of a recently deceased U.S. senator. Smith must, of course, leave his small-town paradise and face the evils of Capitol Hill. Yet another moral monster, Clarissa Saunders, again played by Jean Arthur, has instructions from the big boys to take Smith under her wing and talons. When necessary, she will tell him when and how to vote. Amused by her hayseed Disraeli, Saunders sets him up for her newspaper friends. But the demeaning stories they print shatter his country-boy faith in American institutions. He learns of a multimillion-dollar pork-barrel swindle being orchestrated in his home state, and when he tries to blow the proverbial whistle, more experienced members of the delegation accuse him of concocting the plot himself. Disgraced, Smith wants to resign and go home. Like Deeds, he refuses to defend himself.

Enter Clarissa Saunders with a message of support and the assurance that despite her betrayal, she loves him. Together they resolve to fight the charges, and Smith begins a filibuster that would make Fidel Castro seem laconic. Oddly, Smith introduces no new evidence. He simply wants the Senate to delay its vote of expulsion long enough to see if his denial of guilt is accepted in his home state. The key issue for him, then, is not rebutting the charges but being accepted by his community—either the U.S. Senate or the good people of Montana. Unfortunately, Smith's enemies control the media back home, and the word from his constituents is "guilty as charged."

Smith collapses on the Senate floor. Moved by his



courage, the senior senator confesses that he, not Smith, was behind the swindle. The chamber erupts in pandemonium, as everyone suddenly forms a community around the exhausted Jefferson Smith. He rises from the floor of the Senate and finds his salvation in the midst of the loving communion of believers. The familiar two-step resurrection—love and then communion—has saved Capra's hero once again.

**LIFE AND ART** Sadly, when Frank Capra went to war, he was asked to turn his considerable talents to making indoctrination films for the War Department: *Why We Fight, Know Your Enemy: Japan, Know your Ally: Britain*. His only great film after the war was *It's a Wonderful Life*, which, as noted, is essentially a remake of *American Madness*.

What then happened to Capra's talent? A lot of us wish we knew. Here is one theory that is based on little more than a hunch prompted by reflecting on the Catholic pathways that consistently guided his films prior to the war. I have a horrible suspicion that in making these powerful and yet nasty films to teach young draftees how to hate the enemy, Capra's vision of the redemptive community soured. During wartime, it becomes us against them, a fight not merely for the love of Jean Arthur or Barbara Stanwyck but for survival. Capra's Catholic sensibility might just have lost its expansiveness and inclusiveness. And as he moved back into a formal relationship with the Catholic Church of the late 1940s—he had his second marriage blessed in the Church and in later years became a Eucharistic minister and a Knight of Malta—he might well have adopted the then-typical fortress model of community: a church militant, ruthlessly consigning its enemies to the fringes and the flames.

Another different but related factor may help explain Capra's sudden loss of creative energy at the age of 50. In the late 1940s, the House Un-American Activities Committee began its scurrilous investigations into communist influence in Hollywood. Capra came under suspicion for several reasons. The Soviets had used a reedited

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version of *Mr. Smith* to demonstrate the corruption of American institutions. Capra had contacted Soviet authorities in order to obtain documentary footage for his wartime documentary film *The Battle of Russia*. And many of his associates in the artistic community were known to have socialist leanings.

In accordance with the zany logic of the time, Capra, the superpatriot and conservative Republican, was accused of being a communist. The immigrant citizen, who had idealized American values in his films, was shattered. The authorities assured him, however, that he could prove his loyalty if he merely named names, and tragically he did. The consequences for old friends and colleagues, only he knew and we can only guess, for the record of his testimony remains sealed and cannot be accessed.

What we do know on the record is that for years afterwards Capra suffered from migraine headaches that he referred to as the "Judas pain." "You welshed, compromised, sold out," he told himself. That melancholy verdict on his own worth showed in his work. Many projects came and went during the last decades of his life, but he was artistically dead. Films like *Here Comes the Groom*, *A Hole in the Head* and *A Pocketful of Miracles* became an unworthy coda and epitaph for a great talent.

When Frank Capra died on September 3, 1991, he escaped the suicidal loneliness brought about by exhausted talent and ruptured friendships. He passed into a new community: one of film historians and critics, and especially of filmgoers who are continually surprised and delighted by the legacy of this extraordinary artist. This is his resurrection into a worldly afterlife, an everlasting, ever-youthful communion of grateful moviegoers. It's a Capraesque ending after all.

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# *A RUTHLESS* MIND



BY CHARLOTTE BRUCE HARVEY

In one of the acid-free gray cardboard boxes in which the John J. Burns Library safeguards rare and historic documents is a copy of the May 1969 *Vogue*—a special issue dedicated to “The American Woman.” The model on the magazine’s cover calls to mind a young Jane Fonda: deep blue eyes fringed with spiky false eyelashes, pale pink lipstick, hair upswept and blond-streaked, with loose pincurls by either ear. Inside, among the ads for armorlike Maiden-form bras and filmy next-to-naked Pucci bodysuits (“a new style of undress,” reads the ad copy), are profiles of Mrs. Paul McCartney (yes, Mrs.), Mrs. Vincent Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Edelman. Margaret Mead, who contributed an essay, gets her own name.

And so does Jane Jacobs, who is profiled under the headline “Civic Battler.” Writing about Jacobs for *Vogue* was a 30-something reporter named Susan Brownmiller, who would go on to become one of the strongest voices in feminism. The young Brownmiller was plainly enchanted. She described Jacobs as “a genuine raconteur,” instantly the focal point of any gathering she entered “not for her celebrity, but for her conversation.”

In December 1995 I experienced my first taste of that conversation. Jacobs had donated her papers to Boston College, and to thank her the library held a dinner in her honor. Jacobs was by then 78, a veritable *éminence grise*. In the 34 years since its publication, her attack on urban renewal, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, had proven one of the most influential books of the century, standard reading in architecture and urban-planning programs, and on many liberal-arts syllabi as well. Like Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring*, it had been a wake-up call, causing Americans to resee the damage they were doing in the name of progress. Jacobs had followed that success with two books on economics (*The Economy of Cities*, 1969; and *Cities and the Wealth of Nations*, 1984) and a volume of political philosophy, *Systems of Survival* (1992). Having moved her family to Toronto in the late 1960s out of disgust with the Vietnam War, Jacobs had written *The Question of Separatism: Quebec and the Struggle over Sovereignty* (1980). And in 1995, when she came to Boston, she’d just finished editing *A Schoolteacher in*







*Old Alaska: The Story of Hanna Breece*, a memoir of her great-aunt's experiences as a middle-aged woman teaching on the Alaskan frontier. The year before, Jacobs's publisher, Random House, had published a Modern Library edition of *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, marking it as a contemporary classic.

The other dinner guests arrived early at Burns Library that night, wearing business suits and silk dresses; we watched the door expectantly. Jane and Bob Jacobs came a little late, looking like they'd stepped out of an Ed Koren cartoon: he with white hair and beard wildly curling, a genial Old Testament prophet; she, long-limbed but stooped, with well-worn dimples and flashing blue eyes—a kindly, genius gnome. She wore a faded purple corduroy jumper over an equally faded cotton turtleneck patterned in many colors, none of them purple. The guests circled her like planets. I recall a succinct tirade over dinner about the demolition of Boston's old West End, a disquisition on the merits of Quebec's plea for separatism, a fond reminiscence of the Jesuit philosopher Bernard Lonergan. When, perhaps inevitably, someone at the table asked why Jacobs had decided to give her papers to a university to which she has no formal ties and that she never attended, she cited her "ongoing war on paper."

"It was either this or throw them out," she said.

"Why not give them someplace else?"

"No one asked."

## The most awful endless repetition

The following morning, I sat in on an interview with Jacobs as it was being videotaped. While the technicians set up lights and sound equipment, Jacobs gave a telephone interview to a local radio show. I could hear only her side of the conversation. "First of all," she said tartly, "I am not an urbanologist. There's no such word, so I can't be one."

Ten minutes later she and her husband sat in straight-backed chairs with little microphones clipped to their clothing. Richard Keeley, an associate dean in the Carroll School of Management, sat facing them. An ardent admirer of her books, Keeley had wooed Jacobs by mail for several years and eventually persuaded her to come to campus on several previous occasions; it was he who had suggested she give her papers to BC. That no one had previously approached Jacobs is telling—a measure of academia's reluctance to honor a gener-

alist who had remapped the terrain of experts, however adeptly. For the next hour, as the camera whirled, Keeley asked questions and she told him about her early years, growing up in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where, she said, her greatest family difficulty was that she looked so much like her father, John Butzner, a well-known physician in town, that she "couldn't get away with anything."

School, she said, was "the most awful endless repetition imaginable." Demonstrating, she listed all the countries in South America—rapid-fire and alphabetically, pointing into the air to locate them on an imaginary map.

To fend off boredom in school, she daydreamed and read books she hid under her desk—mostly textbooks, which she read ahead in, but sometimes other things that caught her interest. *Bulfinch's Mythology*, for instance. When things got really bad, she said, "I'd shoot paper wads, talk, lead the other children in rebellion."

One day a teacher kept Jane after school and told her to copy two pages out of the history book. "I said, 'Which two pages?' And the teacher said it didn't matter, so I picked out the frontispiece, which had nothing on one side and on the other it said, 'Columbus Landing at San Salvador.'"

The teacher said that wouldn't do and picked out two different pages for Jane to copy.

Jane refused.

"So there I sat after school and there the teacher sat at her desk doing something, and we sat and sat. And after a while I thought, How is this going to end? It has to end somehow, and she doesn't know how to end it." The solution Jane settled on was to sink down out of her chair and slither across the floor to the cloakroom, gather her coat, and slide on out the door. The teacher pretended she didn't see what was happening.

The final story Jacobs told Keeley that day was of how she and her husband met. It was 1944 and she was living in New York City with two roommates. Since Sundays were their only days off, Saturday nights they held big parties in their apartment on Washington Place. One night Jane's sister, Betty, who worked at Grumman Aircraft, brought along Bob Jacobs, a young architect who was designing aircraft carriers for Grumman. The next weekend Bob asked Jane out, and, looking out over the East River from the roof garden of the Sutton Hotel, he asked her to marry him.

"She didn't say yes," Bob recalled. "She said no. But very nicely."



The next Wednesday, he said, she called him at work. “‘Bob,’ she asked, ‘have you changed your mind?’

“I said no.

“She said, ‘Because I have.’ ”

That was in April. They were married in May.

## A matter of degrees

The Jane Jacobs Archive comprises 37 boxes containing a career’s worth of business and personal correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, scrapbooks, magazine articles, audio- and videotaped interviews. One oversize folder contains two diplomas: the first, dated January 1933, signals Jane Butzner’s release from Central High School in Scranton. The other, from the Powell School of Business, is dated six months later.

She’d taught herself to type at age 10, when her parents gave her a typewriter and a book on touch typing. “[My father] believed that people used to give their daughters a dowry; now they gave them a way to make a living.” Another of her father’s instructions was to learn to do two trades, “one you liked and the other to make a living.” After high school Jane Butzner enrolled in secretarial school, learning to take shorthand and compose a business letter. Then she went to North Carolina for six months and lived with her aunt, who was a Presbyterian home missionary. Returning home, she apprenticed herself at the *Scranton Tribune*.

With a year’s writing experience, at age 18 she moved in with her sister, Betty, in New York City. There, between secretarial jobs, Jane Butzner spent her mornings looking for work and her afternoons wandering around the city. Out of those wanderings came an article on the fur district, which she sold to *Vogue* for \$40. Articles on the flower district, the jewelry district and the leather district followed.

Eventually, secretarial jobs gave way to writing jobs, and during the war Jacobs worked for the Office of War Information, where she found herself supervising a fleet of bad writers whose prose she labored late each night to rewrite. “They were so fast!” she sighed comically during the interview with Keeley. “And it took me so long to rewrite what they’d written!” So she set about lending her writers to other departments, keeping for herself just one researcher. Together, she said, “we did the work of an entire department.” This story she told in response to Keeley’s question, “How did you come to know you wanted to be a writer?”

In the fall of 1938, after her mother, Bess Butzner, offered to pay for college tuition, Jane began taking courses in the extension school at Columbia University. She signed up for whatever interested her and, predictably, she excelled (all As, she recalls, except in a Law School class to which she was somehow admitted). But after a year and a half the dean called Jane in to say that she would now have to continue as a student at the women’s college, Barnard, where she would be under another dean’s purview. An appointment was arranged with an administrator Jacobs remembers only as “the Dragon Lady.” Faced with Jane’s Columbia transcript and her proposed course list, the Dragon Lady scowled. Prerequisites were missing. There was no foreign language. When she looked at Jane’s high school grades the Dragon Lady threw up her hands. “In fact,” she said, “we can’t accept you with these marks.”

“You mean you don’t want me?” Jane asked. Then, gleefully, she returned to Columbia where she completed a total of 22 courses by the time she quit in 1941. “I was so glad,” Jacobs told Keeley, “for that awful high school record.”

She never earned a bachelor’s degree and has steadfastly refused all offers of honorary degrees, as is amply evidenced in the archives. In a 1970 letter she thanks the president of the University of Denver for the offer, but, she writes, “I am inclined to believe that the granting of degrees does more to interfere with true education, for many reasons, than to further it.”

## Frontal attacks

“This book is an attack on current city planning and rebuilding.” So began *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*. When Jacobs wrote those words, she was not an urban planner or an architect, but a journalist on leave from her post as a senior editor of *Architectural Forum*.

She was also an amateur—in the original sense of the word, which derives from the Latin *amare*, “to love.” Her understanding of cities proceeded directly from her affinity for them. In Scranton, Jacobs had grown up in the suburbs, but she had fallen in love with the streets of New York City. In *Death and Life*, as the book has since come to be known by its fans, she described in detail and with affection the life of the city’s sidewalks, likening the daily drama on Hudson Street in Greenwich Village, where she and Bob were raising their family, to



a ballet. Then she analyzed what made healthy neighborhoods work. Her conclusions contradicted the prevailing theories and regulations of contemporary urban planning.

At the time—the late 1950s—urban renewal in the United States was largely a matter of slum clearance: demolishing run-down neighborhoods, removing small streets to create “megablocks” and topping those with enormous steel and glass towers. Single-use zoning regulations dictated which areas were to be residential and which to be commercial and industrial. It was an idealistic, theoretical approach, and Jacobs traced it to the utopian writings of English town planner Ebenezer Howard, who conceived the notion of the Garden City, and Le Corbusier, who dubbed his vision “*La Ville Radieuse*”—the Radiant City. Le Corbusier imagined a civilization housed in pristine skyscrapers, surrounded by an immense natural park. To Jacobs, the 1950s impetus to replace run-down neighborhoods with sleek, isolated high-rises was nothing but a new façade on old utopian visions.

In her eyes, this was all madness. What made cities work, Jacobs said, was directly related to the unruliness that so offended the utopians. Cities, she insisted, were not works of art but complex, interactive, organic entities. And to analyze their functioning, she used the dawning concepts of ecology.

On every front, she challenged the prevailing wisdom. Instead of slum clearance, she called for “infilling,” retaining old buildings wherever possible and replacing unsalvageable ones with suitable new structures. Instead of single-use zoning, she called for mixed use, with commercial districts abutting residential neighborhoods so people could run out for groceries or a cup of coffee or whatever else they needed. Apartments above shops were a benefit, not a detriment to a neighborhood, she said: They provided cheap housing for young people and newcomers. She argued that cities should be less concerned with accommodating cars and

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more concerned with accommodating people. Sidewalks should be widened, encouraging neighbors to loiter and providing a setting for children to play safely under the watchful eyes of adults. She argued for diversity, both social and architectural, and for density. Crimes, Jacobs observed, occurred not in crowded areas but in deserted ones. She thought parks were especially dangerous, since the solitude they provided was attractive to thugs.

Jacobs’s mother pasted scores of newspaper clippings containing reviews of her daughter’s books into scrapbooks, which the Burns librarians have since dismantled to protect the contents from the acidic bindings. Still, the pages remain, and on brittle brown newsprint you can read the original *Baltimore News American* headline “Mistakes in City Planning Get a Housewife’s Panning.” (The *Baltimore Sun* called Jacobs “a give-’em-hell-gal.”)

The *Wall Street Journal* was apparently more comfortable with the book and its female author, describing *Death and Life* as “a lucid and thoroughly devastating attack on the shibboleths of the reigning school of modern city planning. . . . In another age,” the reviewer hypothesized, “the author’s enormous intellectual temerity would have



insured her destruction as a witch."

Writing for *The New York Times Book Review*, Lloyd Rodwin (now professor emeritus at Massachusetts Institute of Technology) ended his review with a speculation that Jacobs's "might well be the most influential book on cities since Mumford's classic, *The Culture of Cities*. . . . Not quite as long or comprehensive, it is wittier, more optimistic, less scholarly, and even more pontifical."

There was much speculation at the time as to how Lewis Mumford, the esteemed culture czar and architecture critic for the *New Yorker*, would react to Jacobs's book. He was the Wise Old Man of the field, and she had summarily lumped him among other theorists she condemned. Plus, Mumford may have seen himself as Jacobs's mentor. A folder in the archives contains a handful of letters in his hand, the first of which is dated May 1958. He'd heard Jacobs talk at the New School for Social Research, and he declared her work to be "sociology of the first order. . . . [N]one of the millions being squandered by the Ford Foundation on 'Urban Research' will produce anything that has a minute fraction of your insight and common sense," he wrote. He urged her to reach a wider audience for her ideas, suggesting she try the *Saturday Evening Post*.

Mumford waited a year to review Jacobs's book, reportedly hoping his rage would cool. But that didn't happen. He produced a three-part response, which his editors persuaded him to whittle to one. Still, the finished review ran through 20 pages in the December 1, 1962, issue of the *New Yorker*, under the headline "The Skyline: Mother Jacobs's Home Remedies." It's unclear whether Mumford or his editors concocted the title.

Mumford is just one in the long list of adversaries Jacobs earned in her crusades. Some, she seems to have made inadvertently, refusing in her allegiance to accuracy to call something by another name out of tact or loyalty to a friend or colleague. Her ruthless insistence on speaking what she saw to be the truth seems to have created a rift between her and James Rouse, the gentle, genteel developer of Boston's Faneuil Hall, Baltimore's Harborplace, and New York City's South Street Seaport. Another casualty seems to have been her relationship with New York developer Ed Logue.

Other opponents she antagonized more deliberately. Her community-organizing skills were so effective and her tongue so sharp that in the 1960s her name was anathema among New York City

planning officials and politicians. Page after page in the scrapbooks records her public protests. In one is pasted a 1968 letter that begins, "Dear Mother, Well, here I have been arrested again!"

It concludes, "I hope you won't think too badly of me."

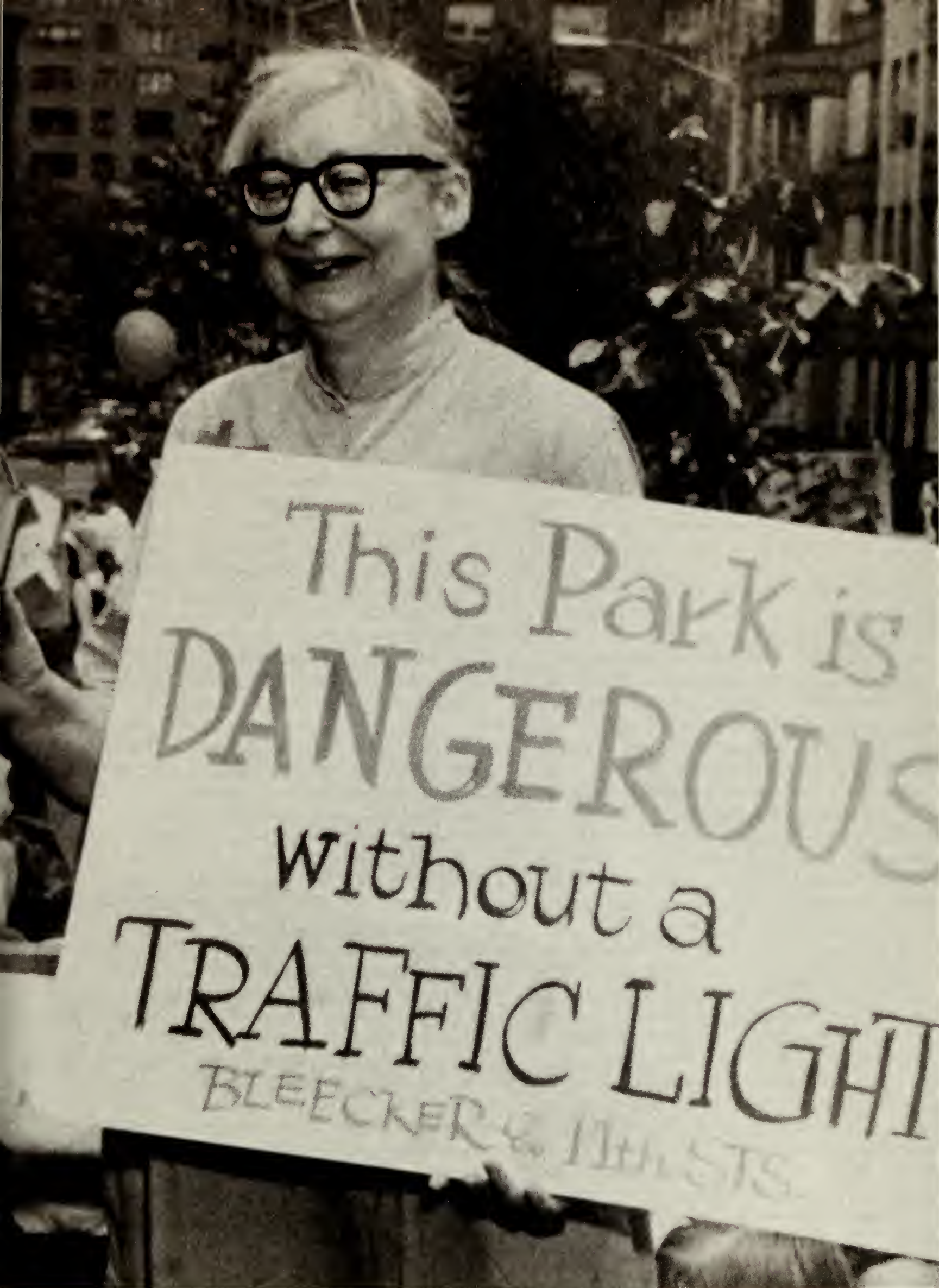
Chief among Jacobs's enemies was developer Robert Moses, whom she successfully battled to prevent a proposed 12-lane interstate highway from bisecting lower Manhattan, cutting off what is now Soho. In the archives is a letter from Moses to Random House publisher Bennett Cerf, who apparently had sent Moses an advance copy of *Death and Life*. "Aside from the fact that it is intemperate and inaccurate," Moses wrote, "it is also libelous."

After the publication of *Death and Life*, Jacobs turned her attention from the workings of cities to the work they produced. She was by training no more an economist than she was an urban planner, but that did not discourage her from tackling classical economics head-on. Growth, she said, stems from intellectual advances. And intellectual advances occur in cities, where old ideas butt up against new ideas, spurring the development of new products for export. Or, as she put it, where new work is added to old work. In *The Economy of Cities*, she demonstrated the fecundity of urban areas. Then, in *Cities and the Wealth of Nations*, she furthered that argument, holding that city economies, not the figments we call national economies, are the true engines of growth.

Like *Death and Life*, the two economics books were founded on careful observation and analysis. Although they were for the most part well reviewed in the popular media (*Cities and the Wealth of Nations* won the 1985 Mencken Award and the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize), perhaps predictably, scholars of the Dismal Science ignored such an unscientific—and utterly unmathematical—approach to macroeconomics.

In recent years, however, economists have been reexamining Jacobs's writings. A group of scholars, the so-called new growth theorists, are developing mathematical models that describe the same problem that Jacobs was studying 30 years ago: how "externalities," such as spillovers of knowledge from one industry to another, encourage growth. It was in this context that University of Chicago economist Robert Lucas mentioned Jacobs in a seminal paper he delivered in 1985, prompting other economists to take another look. (Lucas





THE JANE JACOBS COLLECTION/JOHN J. BURNS LIBRARY



In a 1970 letter she thanks the president of the University of Denver for his offer of an honorary degree: "I am inclined to believe that the granting of degrees does more to interfere with true education, for many reasons, than to further it."

would later win the 1995 Nobel Prize in economics.) Now, new growth theorists talk of "Jane Jacobs externalities."

David Warsh, who writes an economics column for the *Boston Globe* and is a longtime fan of Jacobs, says it's not that her work changed the course of economics—as her earlier work changed urban planning. Instead, Warsh says, current trends in economics are validating her earlier observations, demonstrating with mathematical formulas what she saw directly. When I tell Warsh about a taped interview in the archives in which Jacobs says she believes her economics books to be her most significant, he shakes his head abruptly. Then he shrugs and smiles. "I'd hate to challenge her on that," he says. "Jane's been right before."

## Going fractal

Last October I was waiting for a trolley in Toronto when a stranger walked over and redirected me to the proper bus stop. "You must be from out of town," she said. I told her I was attending a conference on Jane Jacobs's work. "Oh!" the woman said, beaming. "Ever since Bob died last year, we've all been so worried about Jane. It must be such a lift to have all these people here talking about her work."

"Do you know her?" I asked.

"Oh, no!" the woman said. "I just love her books. I thought *Systems of Survival* was one of the best books I've ever read."

*Systems of Survival*, which came out in 1992, marked yet another intellectual venture for Ja-

cobs—this time into philosophy. Cast in the form of a contemporary Platonic dialogue, the book laid out her theory that human beings have two entirely different and incompatible moral systems. One governs commerce and the other governs politics. Human beings, she said, are distinct from other animals in having two ways of surviving in the world. We can take the things we need to survive, as other animals do, or we can trade goods for them and produce goods for trade.

Each system, she said, carries with it a moral syndrome, a set of interconnected values. Traders, for instance, value competition. They must be honest, industrious, efficient and thrifty.

The other syndrome, which she called the guardian syndrome, derives from raiding, from the monitoring and protecting of boundaries. Guardians—police, soldiers, bureaucrats, academics—value honor, loyalty, hierarchy, tradition. Above all, they do not trade, for nothing is as dangerous as a soldier selling secrets. Societies get into trouble, Jacobs says, when they try to mix the two syndromes, applying commercial values to government bureaucracies, for instance.

"She begins with the concrete and proceeds to the comprehensive; that's what's so important about Jane Jacobs," says Joseph Flanagan, SJ, who runs a center at BC that is dedicated to the work of the 20th-century Jesuit philosopher Bernard Lonergan. Flanagan was explaining to me what he feels to be a critical similarity between the way Lonergan and Jacobs approach knowledge. "When Jane Jacobs wrote *Death and Life of Great American Cities*, she was doing something entirely different than the city planners at MIT and other places were doing," Flanagan said. "They began with theories and applied them to cities. Her studies came from living in the city."

Lonergan's best known contribution to philosophy is his book *Insight*, in which he outlined a way of understanding that he felt Jane Jacobs embodied; he even nicknamed her Mrs. Insight, says Flanagan. (Jacobs presented the ideas that would become *Systems of Survival*, in fact, at a 1987 Lon-



organ Workshop at Boston College.)

In 1985, Dick Keeley wrote Jacobs a letter asking how she worked, what was her method. Her answer is itself a work of art:

Here is what I do. When I start exploring some subject, I hardly know what I think. I'm just trying to learn anything I can about it. Rather than reading systematically, which is possible only if you know what you want, I read as omnivorously as I can manage, in anything that interests me. I often even don't know why I am interested in some facet or other, and all I can say about that is that from experience I've learned to trust myself when I'm interested. . . .

As I read, and also notice things concretely, patterns from this information begin to form in my mind. Also I learn that what I thought originally was 'the subject' is not necessarily the subject, or is only an alley or a sideshoot of it—that there is a lot else to it, or underneath it. So I make outlines as I go along, but they keep changing. . . . Very messy. This is also very uncomfortable. I don't like all this confusion. I only keep at it because, hard and uncomfortable though it is, it is worse to stay in such confusion. I tend to think that I would never have gotten into this if I knew what I was getting into, but then it's too late.

Back to the patterns. They begin to show up, of their own accord, just out of the material itself. I am very suspicious of them. I try to find stuff to disprove them, and when they don't hold up, I discard them. Often, in doing so, I learn something else, so the process, while sometimes disappointing—hey, it sounded like a great idea but it wasn't—is not wasted.

If a pattern or idea holds up, instead, and further exploration or examples, insofar as they appear, only reinforce and amplify it, then I begin to trust it, although I keep on the lookout for contradictions.

By the time I'm satisfied that I've got hold of a piece of truth, I don't have to hunt for examples to illustrate it! My only problem, at that point, and a delightful problem it is—I like doing this—is merely picking and choosing among the many for those that most succinctly illustrate the points being discussed. . . .

I picture myself as a caterpillar munching, munching, munching, munching away in a forest, digesting all kinds of leaves, and in the process being informed of what's there, at hand.

Last fall's conference, entitled "Jane Jacobs: Ideas that Matter," drew an eclectic crowd to Toronto: about a thousand nattily dressed architects and urban planners, community organizers in Birkenstocks, gray-suited economists, historic-preservation types in Pappagallo flats, architecture grad students with purple hair and Doc Martens. Reporters came from newspapers across Canada and the United States. We stayed in hotels and bed-and-breakfasts all over the city, and each morning used our transit passes to ride out to the Danforth, a vibrant neighborhood where arty shops and restaurants are shoehorning in among traditional Greek grocery stores and tavernas. There, we gathered in an aging concert hall with tomato red walls, crumbling gilt plaster and questionable upholstery. Decorating the proscenium stage were cartoon-cutout trees. "Cross between a bordello and *Where the Wild Things Are*," I wrote on my notepad.

At Jacobs's insistence, the conference was "self-organizing." Sessions covered the gamut of her current interests, from microlending to ecotourism to a new interdisciplinary scientific field called biomimicry. And each afternoon, after ranging all over the city, the group would reconvene to hear Jacobs talk. On stage, in front of the cartoon trees, she and a reporter would settle into a pair of blue armchairs for an hour of discussion. The auditorium would be packed.

One afternoon, asked how she defined herself, Jacobs responded with a discourse on fractals. Her face lit up as she described the image on a box of Baker's chocolate: a picture of a woman holding a box of Baker's chocolate, on which is printed the same image of the same woman holding the same box of Baker's chocolate . . . ad infinitum.

At the local level, she explained, is her identity as a resident of 69 Albany Avenue, in Toronto, in Ontario, in Canada, on Earth, in the Solar System, in the Milky Way, in the universe. The question, she said, is this: "Is the fractal made up of little things in a big thing, or big things containing little things? If you remove one of the big things, it doesn't matter, but if you remove the little things, the whole thing collapses." Her interviewer smiled and shook his head.

"I'm getting awfully abstract for you," Jacobs said, looking a little sad. Then she brightened: "Look, I live at 69 Albany Avenue and I live in Toronto and I live in the universe. I live in all of them at once."

That, it seems, is the trick of Jane Jacobs's mind.



# THE UNEMPLOYMENT LINES

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When Jennifer Pish '98,  
advertised in local  
newspapers for childhood memories  
of the Great Depression,  
she tapped a wellspring

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The Great Depression in America began on October 29, 1929, when Wall Street collapsed, and lasted into 1942, relieved primarily by the federal government, which poured billions of dollars into the economy, first for work programs and then to manufacture weapons and equipment for the Second World War.

Last summer Boston College senior Jennifer Pish decided to devote her honors thesis to firsthand accounts of the Depression. To recruit correspondents who remembered those years, she wrote letters explaining her project to 80 small newspapers in New England. About a

BY BRIAN DOYLE



## The angel from Tufts Street

*And other memories of the Depression.*

*Excerpts from the letters*

*July 22, 1997*

Dear Jennifer,

When the stock market crashed in 1929 I was eight years old. My father had owned a company that made outboard motorboats. After 1929 pleasure boats were a luxury that few could afford, and the company folded. With no income, my father could not keep up the mortgage payments.

The whole family pitched in to earn money. My brother and I dug up dandelion plants in our lawn. We washed the leaves and tied them in bunches. We went door to door, selling them for salad greens. My mother baked bread that I delivered in my wagon. The bread cost 10 cents a loaf for white and 12 cents for oatmeal. She also sold mint jelly that she made from spearmint that grew in our yard.

We found an apartment about a mile away and we struggled to fit the furnishings from our large house into six rooms on a second floor. We abandoned our piano and chopped up some furniture for firewood. We had a 1924 Packard sedan that my father had bought for \$5,000 cash. We could not afford to run it, but prospective buyers were scarce so we sold it to an egg deliveryman for his business. He gave us \$11 for it.

Thanksgiving Day that year was not expected to be a feast time for us but my mother refused to be discouraged. She told me confidently that God would provide somehow. Sure enough on Thanksgiving Eve the doorbell rang. When we answered we found a big box with a turkey and all the fixin's. It came from the fraternal lodge my father had belonged to until he could no longer afford the dues.

*Winchester, Massachusetts*



third of the papers printed Pish's "call for memories," and responses from readers poured in—171 cards, letters, notes, memoirs and articles—so many so fast that Pish's roommate made a hillock of them. Some of the letters were penned in neat Palmer-method script, others scrawled by hands cramped with arthritis, some pecked out on manual typewriters. One letter came braced with protective cardboard from a Cheerios box; the author apparently felt his cargo so precious that it needed to be girded against danger in its travels through the mails. That package included a short memoir of the Depression by novelist John Steinbeck, copied from a 1960 issue of *Esquire*.

"Many people wrote as if they had been waiting years to talk about the Depression," says Pish. "Some thanked me. They said that this was the needed impetus to compel them to write their memories for their children and grandchildren. Their passionate response was much more than what I'd expected, and very moving."

"I expected hardship, stories about what a struggle it was, about how bad things were, and there was a good deal of that: There were letters from people who as children had to work to support their families, who didn't have enough to eat, who suffered in ways great and small. They recalled their families fighting over money, parents arguing constantly. One man told me that those remembered fights caused him pain even today."

"But I was startled to hear how much joy people remembered, even in a time when resources and prospects were so limited. I had imagined the Depression as so utterly bleak—filthy children, Americans on the brink of starvation. But that's not all there was. Some people, even though really poor, had more carefree childhoods than you would expect of Depression children; their parents protected them somehow, they didn't have to grow up as fast as some other people, who were wrestling with adult worries at age eight or nine. And dozens and dozens of people wrote how happy they'd been, how their families had been bound together tightly by trouble. For many people that all-for-one familial joy is their primary memory of the Depression."

In the letters and in her research, Pish discovered other interesting facts. The Depression was generally called the Unemployment except in newspapers. The financial crash of 1929 wasn't the only cause of the Depression; the widespread drought and subsequent farm failures of 1930–32 were even worse blows, and there was a major recession in 1937–38. U.S. school attendance actu-

ally rose during the Depression. Movie attendance plummeted in the early 1930s and then rose dramatically in the later years of the decade. Government-issue "welfare dresses" were probably the most hated pieces of clothing in American history; to receive charity—or to be perceived as receiving it—was humiliating. Still, the Forsyth Dental School in Boston seems to have serviced the teeth of nearly every child in Massachusetts during the Depression. Woolworth's replacement shoe sole was a big seller. And to judge from the letters, every child in Depression-era New England seems to have spent part of the late afternoon or evening listening to the radio.

Pish traces her desire to hear firsthand tales of personal history to hours spent listening to her Texas grandparents. She became particularly interested, growing up, in their tales of the Depression, and she began to reflect, as an undergraduate, how very characteristic her grandparents' generation was of the American Century. She was struck particularly by the many radical cultural and economic and political changes they had seen: the Depression, the Second World War, the atomic age, the Korean War, the Baby Boom, the Civil Rights movement, the Vietnam War, the Woodstock generation, computers, the rise of a worldwide environmental movement, the end of the Cold War, the rise of the Web and now the eve of a millennium.

"People who grew up in the Depression are, I think, a largely untapped wealth, a wonderful original resource for historians," says Pish, "and so I decided to ask them their stories. And the themes of their stories, it seems to me, are so often the importance of a tightly knit family, the virtues of hard work and self-reliance, the nature of community. 'Use it up,' 'Wear it out,' 'Save it,' I read those phrases again and again."

Because several of her respondents asked to remain anonymous Pish created pseudonyms for all; she wrote each a personal card of thanks and spent most of the winter and spring writing her thesis, "Childhood During the Great Depression." She earned an A on the paper, graduated in May and will enroll this fall in a doctoral program in history at Georgetown University.

*Brian Doyle most recently contributed "God on the small screen," which ran in the Fall 1997 Linden Lane. He is the editor of "Portland Magazine" at the University of Portland. He and his father, Jim Doyle, are the authors of "Two Voices," a collection of essays (Liguori Publications, 1996).*



*July 26, 1997*

Dear Jennifer:

One time when I was in grade school, I recall a few days when my mother and father had no money coming in for several weeks in spite of my father's working, and so no food could be purchased, and everything that we had was used up except *sugar*. My mother scoured through her cookbooks and found something that she could make for us out of only *sugar and water*. It was rock candy! That is all we had to eat for at least one weekend. I was young enough to think it was quite fine to be able to eat all the candy I wanted. Whether my older brothers realized the seriousness of such a diet, I don't know. My father kept working and hoping that he would get paid soon enough for us to buy food again before we all starved.

*Ogunquit, Maine*

*Undated*

Hi,

My family didn't suffer during the Depression. My father had a good job as a milkman, working six days a week. To cut costs the milk company did try to cut the week to five days, stretching manpower out to avoid layoffs.

At age 12, I started working on Sundays with my father and this was later expanded to include Saturday. There were some homes where I was instructed to leave an extra bottle of milk or a jar of cream or a dozen eggs. I later learned that these were homes where the father had lost his job or had his hours cut and was having difficulty paying his milk bill and other bills too. Like Robin Hood, my father would bill those free items to some of our wealthier customers, without their knowledge. That was relatively easy: Poor families had standing orders of, say, one or two quarts of milk daily. At the homes of the really rich [my father] would walk in, examine the contents of the refrigerator and supply whatever he deemed was necessary—butter, eggs, cream, milk, orange juice, even bacon and cream cheese.

Those customers were billed monthly and it was easy to add a few extra items surreptitiously. They also paid for some of our own dairy products at home.



*Undated*

When I was six years old, in 1931, I wrote a letter to Santa Claus telling him not to bring me much for Christmas because there were so many poor children. That was the year that Santa left me a doll with rubber legs and arms. She was in a bassinet with pink ruffles around it covering its peach-basket understructure. [She came with] a whole wardrobe of little dresses with matching hats and bloomers, and romper suits with matching hats—all with tiny buttons and buttonholes. Later I found a tiny scrap of the bassinet fabric by Mother's White treadle sewing machine. I questioned her about it and she said Santa Claus was so busy, he'd asked her to help out by making some of the things for him. The doll and bassinet are long gone. I still have those doll clothes.

*Monson, Massachusetts*

*September 4, 1997*

Dear Ms. Pish,

Although I was born in 1927 very few memories exist before the age of four or five.

I guess we didn't know we were supposed to have toys. What toys we did have Dad made, and we loved those. My mom and dad made everything so special for us. Dad made wooden toys—a little noisemaker out of a spool and an elastic that you held up to a glass window. What a wonderful sound. He made a little car with a wooden spool (all thread came on different sized wooden spools) and elastic and a wooden matchstick that you wound up. It would move along the table by itself. One of my favorite toys was a large button on a string that you could make spin and hum. Of course we had a string for cat's cradle, although I never could figure out how to do it. We made parachutes out of a horse chestnut, string and a square of cloth, helicopters from oak tree seeds. My brothers were very clever and Dad was there to help. We made "hummers" out of a comb covered with toilet paper, drums from the bottoms of pots and pans, and our own vocal chords were wonderful trumpets/bugles. All kinds of sounds could be made with your mouth. Singing was a big part of our lives.

*South Dennis, Massachusetts*



*August 7, 1997*

Dear Jennifer,

At the time of the crash we were living on 115th Street in Queens Village, New York, in a new brick duplex house [my stepfather], Uncle Bill, bought. I was 12 years old and concerned only with school at P.S. 109 and playing and visiting with my chum Eleanor Edwards, our pastor's daughter.

Uncle Bill was a civil lawyer with his own law office. Mother helped out as his secretary when needed. We were not rich or well-to-do, but comfortably middle class. I took it all for granted.

Then strange things began to happen at home. Mother and Uncle Bill spent longer hours working at night in the office. Other days Uncle Bill spent in bed all day and we had to be quiet around the house. A pillow was tucked around the telephone to muffle the sound of the ring because the phone was not to be answered under any circumstance. The food pantry became empty. We didn't even have the dime it took to buy bread. We went to bed hungry. The gas was shut off due to unpaid bills, so we couldn't cook even if we had food. The electricity was shut off for the same reason.

One day I went with Uncle Bill to his office. It was empty of all furniture. He fixed a sign in the door window, "To Whom It May Concern," announcing that his law firm was no more. I knew it was a serious moment. Sadly I turned and left with him, unable to imagine his emotions.

[My sister] Marion and I were taken out of school in the winter of 1933. Mother said she needed our help full-time. [A school board member] tried to persuade Mother to keep us in school, but Mother replied, "You can't eat an education."

*Boston, Massachusetts*

*July 21, 1997*

Dear Ms. Pish,

On one occasion in 1938 my mother gave me 11 cents and a milk bottle (which had a deposit value) and told me to get a loaf of bread and milk at a local store. On the way to the store I dropped the penny in the dirt. I then had to solicit the help of every available kid on the block to find that penny. I didn't dare go home and tell my mother I had lost it. My chagrin at having failed to safeguard those two coins is as clear as [the memory of] all those kids running their hands through the dirt to find the lost coin. A penny really meant something then.

*West Yarmouth, Massachusetts*



*Undated*

Dear Ms. Pish,

The Great Depression was more than part of an economic cycle; it was a social cataclysm, a soul-searing psychic trauma whose scars remain to this day. We made it through but the casualties were enormous; so great, in fact, that it traumatized our spiritual foundations. Exaggeration? No.

Many men committed suicide as they faced insurmountable tasks. Children left home not to seek their fortunes but to survive, to escape despair, violence and all the consequences of poverty. Tensions between husband and wife were unbearably strained as both partners struggled to uphold their duty to each other and to their God and family. My parents, exhausted, quarreled violently before, during and after supper, every day. I could walk away then but I can't seem to walk away 65 years later.

*Undated*

The myth continues to be cultivated that everything was cheap, which somehow translated to togetherness and happiness. What I remember, however, is that even basics were a luxury during those punishing times. The time it took to earn and afford basics is seldom stated. Electricity was a luxury, running water was a luxury, central heating and indoor plumbing were luxuries, coal and oil were luxuries, a doctor's visit was a luxury, a full cupboard was a luxury, a glass of milk was a luxury. Is the picture coming into focus?

Having said all this, I feel that we the children were blissfully unaware of our parents' anguish at their inability to provide for their families. They were the true victims of the Depression.

*July 22, 1997*

Dear Ms. Pish,

Today I cannot leave the room without turning out the lights. I wear the same clothes until they are threadbare. Leftover food becomes the next day's meal. I don't telephone long-distance. I drive a small car. I lower the thermostat. I recycle everything and compost kitchen and yard waste. I shop with sheaves of coupons. I carry no debt. Waste not, want not—bred in the bone.

*Osterville, Massachusetts*



*Undated*

Growing up in a society of no jobs, no future, no hope, seeing hopelessness on the faces of fathers of families, did something to me and many others. It turned me into a political radical, and I have remained active politically to this day, lobbying for decent legislation for health care, elder people and children.

Franklin Roosevelt and James Michael Curley were deities in our neighborhood. Mayor Curley lived nearby, on the Jamaica Way, across from Jamaica Pond. Each morning after breakfast he would sit at his dining room table and us common people seeking favors would line up in his driveway, awaiting admission through the back door. One of our neighbors had a baby so she got in to see him to ask for a baby carriage. A few days later a hideous purple wicker carriage was delivered to her door. She promptly sold it and continued wheeling her infant in a red coaster wagon.

*Danvers, Massachusetts*

*July 30, 1997*

Dear Miss Pish:

I was brought up in a family of 14 children. When four of us were in elementary school we used to come home at noon for a hot lunch, and one day we came home to see a "stranger" sitting at the table to have lunch with us. I asked Mom who he was and she said he was a poor unfortunate who was looking for work to feed his family. At that time we lived in East Somerville across the street from the Boston & Maine R.R., and the man was actually a hobo riding the rails from town to town. [My mother] had let him wash up and use my father's shaving gear. [She gave him] 25 cents for breakfast the next morning. From time to time we would have a guest for lunch. One would tell the other about the angel from Tufts Street and our house became known as welcoming. They would tell us stories about their travels "on the road" and where they lived before they fell on hard times. So we were almost always late for school after lunch.

When Mom passed away in her late seventies, several beautiful floral pieces were sent to the funeral parlor anonymously, and we knew immediately that they had come from those grateful men so many years ago.

*Somerville, Massachusetts*



# GOLDEN YEAR

1997–98 fund-raising pays off with records

Gift pledges to Boston College in 1997–98 totaled \$62.6 million, breaking the prior record of \$34.6 million set 10 years ago. Cash gifts also reached a record high this year: \$28.7 million, topping last year's total of \$27 million.

More than 34,600 individuals made gifts to Boston College this year, also a record, and a 15 percent increase over last year.

BC's current funding priorities—faculty growth and development, student financial aid, academic programs and improved facilities—are striking a positive chord with donors, observed Patrick Carney '70, chair of the Trustee Committee on Development.

The year's fund-raising highlights:

- Members of the 10 reunion classes gave the University \$8.8 million, exceeding the previous high of \$6.3 million, which

was reached in 1995. The overall participation rate was 40 percent.

- The University's two giving societies, Fides and President's Circle, set membership records for the fifth straight year, with 2,227 and 740 members, respectively.

- The University received 12 gifts of \$1 million or more, totaling \$31.6 million.

- Boston College received the largest bequest in its history—more than \$3 million—from John H. Rourke '41, longtime owner of Rourke's Pharmacy in Brighton.

- Corporate pledges totaled more than \$5.7 million, including \$477,000 from the GE Fund for improvements to the undergraduate honors management curriculum.

- Pledges from foundations reached \$5.2 million, including \$1 million to School of Education Professor George Madaus

from the Ford Foundation in support of a commission to ensure fairness in standardized tests of students in kindergarten through the 12th grade; and \$530,000 to School of Education faculty Walter Haney and Lisa Jackson from the Spencer Foundation to study the use of student drawings in measuring academic performance, and the effectiveness of school reform.

- The 10th annual Boston College Tribute Dinner raised \$1.1 million for the Presidential Scholars Program, and the Pops on the Heights benefit concert raised more than \$1.2 million for the Pops Scholarship Fund.

- Donors pledged nearly \$5.3 million to athletics, including \$600,000 for the planned Student Sports Center, and two endowed athletic scholarships, in football and in men's ice hockey.

## FOR BOSTON, FOR BOSTON

This year's 10 reunion classes combined to raise \$8.8 million for Boston College, by far the largest reunion gift total in the University's history. The anatomy of a record:

The Class of 1993	\$106,285	The Class of 1968	\$2,542,604
The Class of 1988	\$155,010	The Class of 1963	\$2,437,680
The Class of 1983	\$214,694	The Class of 1958	\$714,284
The Class of 1978	\$810,571	The Class of 1953	\$756,109
The Class of 1973	\$907,249	The Class of 1948	\$232,895



# TEAM MATE

## New associate VP for development



Robert L. Cunningham

The University has named Robert L. Cunningham, the director of development at

Harvard Law School since 1995, associate vice president for development. He is scheduled to start his new position August 17.

Cunningham has been a development officer at Harvard Law since 1989. He previously served as New York University's alumni relations director, and before that was a marketing account executive with Ogilvy & Mather in New York City. His background includes strategic planning and research, annual giving and campaign operations.

At BC Cunningham will manage a staff of 70 and will oversee all facets of fund-raising, with an emphasis on leadership gifts, major gifts, annual giving and planned giving.

A 1982 alumnus of Holy Cross College, Cunningham entered the Jesuit Volunteer Corps after graduation, working for an alternative sentencing program in California. He then spent a year as a social worker at a New York City youth program and earned a master's degree in history from New York University.

### IN TRIBUTE

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**HIS HONOR**—Former Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, now professor emeritus at Harvard Law School, wields the crystal gavel presented to him by Trustee Thomas P. O'Neill, III, '68, and University President William P. Leahy, SJ, at the annual President's Circle dinner on May 17. The gavel represents the Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Award for Distinguished Citizenship, which BC gave in recognition of Cox's principled public service. Richard Nixon had Cox fired in 1973 when Cox insisted that the president comply with his subpoena for Nixon's Oval Office tapes.





GARY W. GILBERT

# From the X files

Tom Beaudoin, a doctoral candidate in religion and education, is the author of *Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X* (Jossey Bass, 1998).

An interview by Suzanne Keating

**Let's start with Generation X. What is it, and what binds it together?**

Most simply, Gen X is made up of people who range from their early twenties to mid-thirties. This is a generation that has a deep relationship to popular culture, which is the result of the expanding influence of the media, and also a matter of exposure. It's the generation of latchkey children. Gen Xers spent more time watching television than being with their parents. From very young ages, they were raised in what I call the amniotic fluid of popular culture, especially the media culture. They grew up at a time when more than half of all marriages ended in divorce. And even families that stayed together suffered from psychological and spiritual absence.

Whether we're talking about material or psychological or spiritual poverty, there was enough of it going around to create a void, and popular culture filled that void. Popular culture became the means by which this generation made meaning for itself. You can hear this when you listen to snatches of conversation among the generation.

**What do you hear in Gen X conversation?**

You hear a lot of references to sitcoms, to lines from movies. For instance, while I was on the AIDS Walk yesterday I overheard a woman explaining her relationship to another friend by quoting lyrics from the musical *Rent*. If you're a Gen Xer and you want to express yourself, to tell someone who you are or how you feel, you might

make a cassette tape of a particular song. This is a common practice.

Another thing you hear Gen Xers talk about is the absence of a generational theme. If you look at Baby Boomers or any of the other previous five generations of Americans, you can identify historical events that the generation understood itself in relation to: the Civil War, World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, Vietnam. Not that Gen Xers would necessarily want any of those devastating experiences, but I wonder if the religious dimension of this absence of a theme is, in fact, a theme of absence.

**What's your own relationship to Gen X?**

Let me say first that I'm not in any way trying to fashion myself as a



spokesperson for Gen X; it would be ludicrous for a generation to have one spokesperson—particularly this generation and this spokesperson. Having said that, I do consider myself to be a member of the generation. I realize more and more how deep my relationship to popular culture is and how immersed in it I am. A few years ago I tried as an experiment to walk away from popular culture for a year, because I thought it was exploitative and life-draining—not life-giving. I wanted to engage only with so-called high culture. But I felt I was cutting off a part of myself that seemed integral to my self-understanding. The time away from popular culture was important, though, because it allowed me to re-enter the culture on my own terms rather than being mastered by it. So this relationship to pop culture is part of what you might call my Gen X self-awareness.

Another aspect of Gen X that's important to me is the value of ad hoc family. I don't have the same hostile or ambivalent relationship to my family as many members of my generation do; in fact, I have for the most part a very good relationship with my family. However, among Gen Xers there is a great trust that some of the most long-lasting, interesting, and life-giving relationships we have are among ad hoc families—like on the television show *Friends*. Only two of the characters on the show are related (Monica and Ross) but the whole group forms a family. I think *Friends* bears—for all its ephemerality and for a lot of the silliness that goes on—a spiritual message. And that is that there is something about the nuclear family that has been irreparably rent.

When I think about Gen X family values, I think of a group of friends who are bound together by a common purpose and concern and commitment to one another. That doesn't mean that one's relationship to one's blood relatives is unimportant, but rather that that doesn't seem to be the prima-

ry relationship for a lot of folks in this generation. Our relationships with our blood relatives can often be healed, be repaired, be reentered only through a positive experience of ad hoc family.

This is the kind of experience we're trying to offer people through the Gen X ministry at the Paulist Center in Boston. We call it Xairos, which is an intentional misspelling of a Greek word that means "graced moment." I'm part of a team that leads the ministry, which is open to anyone in their early twenties to mid-thirties—whatever their relationship to the Church or to the Gen X label.

**In your book you interpret fashion statements—for example, grunge, tattooing and piercing—as spiritual statements. What does grunge signify?**

For me, grunge is an analogue to the musical trend of the last decade, which is ascetic, stripped down. Grunge celebrates the unwashed. The clothes are oversized and hang off the body. They do not accentuate the body in stereotypically attractive ways. Why? Why this particular clothing at this particular time?

There are obvious economic reasons people would wear this fashion. With a small investment you can purchase an entire grunge wardrobe at the Salvation Army. For me, however, the style reflects something about a real poverty that Gen Xers have been coming to terms with in their own hearts, the heart of a generation, the heart of a familial experience, the heart of cultural experiences. This poverty is both spiritual and psychological. And it has found expression in this clothing trend called grunge.

Piercing and tattooing are about marking, about the mark of indelible experience; they are proof that something "marked me, something happened." This permanence or deep experience is one reason piercing has religious significance across cultures.

But for Xers this marking takes place outside any overtly religious

context. Xers feel that the Church is unable to provide deeply marking, profoundly experiential encounters.

My investigations—through both my academic work on popular culture and my Gen X ministry—have convinced me that first of all there is a tremendous interest in, and a thirst for, meaning among Gen Xers. They are starved for something that they can sink their teeth into spiritually, something that will not poison them, that will not abandon them, that will not manipulate them. We do have this dynamic search going, this hunt for meaning, whether it's nihilistic or fabulous and deep—whatever. The search for meaning is there. The search for community and family is important as well. The questions, What is a family? and How is a family created, fostered, nurtured? are very important for ministers and theologians to think about in Gen X ministry. What counts as family?

There is a need on the part of this generation to integrate psychological self-understanding with spiritual self-understanding. This generation has grown up drinking the water of psychological talk, and in my Gen X ministry we spend a lot of time talking about Catholic identity. I encourage this. What does it mean to be Catholic? How do we live that Catholicity in our daily practices? With this generation you can get a lot of mileage out of these questions, because there is a certain amount of self-absorption at work.

**How would the Catholic Church use what you know to meet the religious needs of Gen Xers?**

First of all, my goal is not to figure out the dynamics of Gen X so the Church can better market itself. That would be not only condescending but simple-minded. However, I do think my understanding of Gen X faith can be a tool among other tools to figure out how to preach the Gospel to this generation. To meet the needs of Gen X



we must take popular culture seriously as a source of spiritual meaning. We should be providing communities in which people feel free to encounter the Catholic tradition critically. There should be nothing taboo in Gen X ministry. Everything should be open to question.

**Give us an example.**

In practice, we see that Gen X largely ignores the Church's teachings on sexuality. If there is any hope of getting this generation to take those teachings seriously, we will have to encourage reflective, thoughtful, searching inquiry. This must be expected anyway, because the Church should not want to raise a generation of automatons.

We need to pay attention to the spiritual significance of irreverence, of irony, of parody. When you pay attention to the religious and theological themes that emerge in Gen X popular culture and even in Gen X ministries, you see that the Church can't take itself overly seriously. The Church cannot pretend to have the final answer.

**But there is other evidence that the traditional Church is doing just fine with young adults. Look at the turnout in Colorado for Pope John Paul II's visit.**

The Pope is extraordinarily popular among young adults here and in Europe. But what does that popularity mean? Consider the context: On the one hand, the Pope is popular as a religious media figure, if you will, as a spiritual celebrity. Young-adult Catholics may be interested in what he's saying about justice, ecumenism, capitalism or any number of other issues. On the other hand, most of them disregard what he has to say about issues of sexual morality.

The Pope is skilled at using the media to communicate a spiritual sensibility. What he has not succeeded at doing is helping people foster critical attitudes toward the tradition, toward the Church and toward their own attitudes and moral practices. Many Gen

Xers perceive a condescension about personal morality. It's striking to me that about the same number of young adults who think that John Paul II is the Vicar of Christ—two-thirds of young adults in recent surveys—also think that women should be ordained—again two-thirds. You have to look at those figures side by side. People are able to separate out their attitudes on issues such as the ordination of women from their attitude toward the Pope as a spiritual celebrity.

**What do you mean when you say young Catholics do not have access to the richness of the Catholic tradition?**

There are two obvious traditions that strike me as useful for reinterpretation today. One is the sacramentality of life, from a relationship with sexuality to spirituality. Clearly, there's a need for more discussion about gay and lesbian sexuality, about married sexuality, about single sexuality. The official Church refers to only a handful of ideas when it approaches these questions. But some of Catholicism's best authors, Teresa of Avila, Bernard of Clairvaux, Julian of Norwich—authors whom the Church has not focused on enough—could be very enlightening in terms of reposing the questions for today. Gen Xers don't want moral relativism. But they want something responsive to their own experiences, something that takes their experiences seriously, that takes the contemporary situation seriously and that takes the tradition in the Gospel seriously, and that is inclusive of a whole array of theological opinions on the issue, and not just a select few who hand down commandments. Ironically, the main person to retrieve is Jesus.

Christian Gen Xers know that Jesus is more interesting, more life-giving, maybe even a little more dangerous, more subversive than the church of their childhood allowed him to be. Some of that insight comes from liberation theology; some of it comes from Xers' own experience of suffering, es-

pecially women suffering in the Church. So I think a Gen X ministry, and a Gen X theology, if there could be such a thing, would take Jesus radically seriously and would take the radical Jesus seriously.

**You are at once a Gen Xer, a Roman Catholic, a theologian and a lay preacher. What is your own religious background?**

I grew up very Vatican II-ish Catholic. When I got into college I began to have some deep suspicions about Catholicism and about its capability to be relevant, interesting and faithful to its own responsibility. If there was anything worthwhile in the Gospel, I wasn't sure Catholicism could deliver it. And so I started going to other churches and synagogues—all sorts of places. One of the churches was a Southern Baptist church where I got to know an especially ecumenically minded pastor. Although I was unable to articulate it at the time, he exemplified the very Catholic conviction that the philosophical life and the theological life are not in principle enemies, that the Church and the culture are not enemies. It seemed a dignified faith life, both compelling and intellectual. I thought, "I can identify with this guy." And so he let me preach.

**What was your first sermon?**

It was on the Exodus text in which Moses removes his sandals because God appears in the burning bush and says the place where you're standing is holy ground. At that time I was in my early twenties and very influenced by existentialism. So I gave a reflection on the experience of finding holy ground in the middle of the desert.

**Now that sounds like the Biblical equivalent of finding holy ground in a shopping mall, or in music videos.**

Oh, yes, the mall. And the radical possibility of holy ground in the most banal of circumstances. It was a distinctly Catholic homily, but they let me do it anyway.



# Antihero

CHILDREN'S MYSTERY WRITER TED MURPHY '93



Ted Murphy '93, doesn't write great literature. He writes books that fifth graders inhale like cookies, books they whisper about, books parents peek at when the children aren't looking. Ted Murphy writes books, he says, that would inspire a great children's adventure film—and, of course, the inevitable sequels.

"Maybe we can get Tom Cruise to play Orville," Murphy says.

Meet Orville Jacques, Murphy's bespectacled 16-year-old private eye. Orville lives and sleuths in Belltown, a fictional Cape Cod settlement rife with corrupt developers and crooked cops. Like his protagonist, Murphy has thick glasses, a disdain for math and a name (Theodore) that attracts no small amount of raillery. "I'm him, the poor guy."

Murphy confesses, only half-joking, that the Belltown mysteries—which the *Boston Globe* dubbed the "Nerdy Boy" series—are an elaborate stratagem to avoid gainful employment. "After graduation my parents asked me what I wanted to do with my life, and I told them I wanted to be a writer," says Murphy. "They groaned a collective groan because they had just spent a fortune on BC." Three months later he finished *The Secrets of Belltown* and was eager to get published.

Two hundred rejection letters later, Silver Burdett Press finally agreed to take Orville on, catapulting Murphy into

a seldom-exalted literary niche: the children's mystery series. Rarely have *The Secrets of Belltown* or Murphy's three subsequent books been reviewed, in part because the arbiters of children's fiction tend to eschew series as the literary equivalent of comic books.

But Murphy is no simple purveyor of cartoonish gore. He's a one-man road show, traveling to New England's elementary schools to hawk his books and troll for new readers. In the classroom, Murphy is part teacher, part evangelist and part stand-up comic, regaling students with survival tales from the land of geekdom—and the land of Orville.

Orville's sidekick is Gina, a computer expert who blasts disco from her 4x4 truck and saves Orville with a karate chop. "She shows how cool it is just to be yourself," Murphy tells starstruck fifth graders at an elementary school in Kingston, Massachusetts. Inhabiting the stories are other misfits, including an elderly former detective, a poor Irish traveler, and Joey, a 12-year-old who wears the same *Star Wars* T-shirt all summer and greets his friends with the salutation: "Hello, Jedis."

Murphy says the oddball humor serves as bait. "Look, I'm not after kids who are reading Dickens or *Little Women*," he says. "I want the reluctant reader."

Suzanne Keating





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*Some of the 19 BC students who won fellowships in 1997-98: (standing, left to right) Fulbright Fellow and doctoral candidate James Hebbeler, Fulbright Fellow and doctoral candidate Christiina Brophy, Fulbright Fellow Charles Charpentier '98, M.Ed. candidate and Fulbright alternate Kristin Dalope, Fulbright Fellow Gregory Liegel '98, Mellon Fellow Brian Soucek '98, and (seated) Fulbright Fellow Emily Speelman '98, doctoral candidate and Fulbright Fellow Kristin Hunt, Fulbright Fellow Paul Greenman '98, Fulbright Fellow Samuel Shiroff '98, Fulbright Fellow Amy Zaro '98, and Fulbright Fellow Brenda Bergman '98.*

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